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SHOCKING

Inspector backs union claims that safety lapses are a threat to crematorium staff

HEALTH and safety inspectors have criticised Harlow Council for endangering staff at the Parndon Wood Crematorium and Cemetery.

The *Star* has been shown a letter sent by the Health and Safety Executive to the public sector workers union Unison following an inspection of the facility last month.

In response to union claims, the HSE inspector agreed the council had not repaired an extractor fan unit in an area near equipment used to crush the remains of bodies following cremation for 18 months.

The letter also refers to another incident in June when a door of a furnace blew open and sent flames shooting out within inches of a member of staff.

It also alleges that risk assessments on the whole of the site had not been carried out. The union claimed there had been instances of staff falling into collapsing graves.

EXCLUSIVE by JIM TANFIELD

The letter's author – HM Inspector of Health and Safety Stephen Hewer Hook – concluded that no monitoring was in place to ensure failures were addressed. He added: "This gives me serious cause for concern about how the council manages health and safety more widely."

Unison regional officer Michelle Bradley said: "Enough is enough, our patience has run out. Deadlines for the council have come and gone and there seems to be little movement. Our hard-working members just want to be happy and safe at work and until the issues are resolved they won't be."

"We can work together on this but there's a time when it just needs to go into the public domain."

Referring to the matter of the broken fan, she said: "God only knows what they were breathing in during that time!"

Earlier this month the council

announced it was closing the town's swimming pool ahead of schedule because of health and safety issues.

This week local ward councillor John Paul Goddard, who sits as an independent, said: "There's a clear catalogue of issues with systemic failures and apparently this has now been a potential threat to staff. Surely it's now time our senior officers think about updating their resumé's."

The council disputed the allegations made and said it was formally complaining to the HSE about its "inappropriate comments" and lack of communication with the authority. It also questioned why, if the issues raised in the letter were so serious, why no Improvement Notice was issued.

"The council disputes the allegation that its management practices are poor and treats its responsibilities under health and safety seriously," said a spokesman.



Pets Corner adds some animal magic to its Nativity

HUNDREDS of people flocked to Pets Corner in Harlow Town Park for a nativity performance starring some of the attraction's animals

Baff the donkey, several sheep and an alpaca shared the stage with youngsters from the Harlow Playhouse theatre school to act out the traditional story of Mary and Joseph on Saturday.

After the Nativity visitors were invited to sing carols.

The performance, which had to be postponed earlier in the month because of bad weather, concluded with a visit from Father Christmas and his reindeer.

Pictured with Baff are Masie Treacher, left, and Riley Halson. (photo YRMZHVVM/01)

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Lubbock dad back at home after collapse

TERRY Lubbock, whose son died after being found unconscious in Michael Barrymore's pool, has been discharged from hospital.

The 63-year-old is recuperating at home in Great Brays, Harlow, following his release from the town's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

He is due to undergo tests in the New Year to discover what caused him to collapse and fall unconscious at his home on December 8.

Family friends feared he suffered a brain bleed – a condition which saw him hospitalised three years ago – brought on by his quest to uncover the truth about how Stuart died.

The 31-year-old butcher was found floating in the swimming pool of Barrymore's Roydon home in 2001. He had drugs in his system and serious sexual injuries. Nobody has ever been charged with his death.

Speaking about Mr Lubbock's health scare, family spokesman Harry Clichy said: "He was released from hospital on Friday and is in good spirits but he has still not been told what caused his collapse."

"He will have brain tests and cardiology tests next year and he has been told to take a rest."

"He is pleased to be home but is getting tired very quickly and his speech is still slurred."

Rebellion forces cash crisis U-turn

By **BEN WILKINSON**
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THE leaders of Harlow Council have been forced into a humiliating U-turn after their own political allies threatened to veto plans to plunder the town's financial reserves.

Despite managing to force through a motion to plug a £1.8m budget black hole by swiping more than £1m from the council's emergency funds at a policy and resources meeting two weeks ago, joint council leaders Tony Durcan (Labour) and Chris Millington (Lib Dem) had to abandon the move in the face of potential mutiny at full council on Thursday.

Members had been due to vote on the controversial recommendation which, as reported in last week's *Star*, broke the council's own financial guidelines and was opposed by both the opposition and former Labour council leader Kevin Brooks.

Instead, the leadership tabled an alternative motion almost identical to suggestions previously made by Mr Brooks – the man credited with turning around the council's finances three years ago.

It means that instead of an immediate raid on reserves, officers will be forced to slash running costs in their departments and freeze recruitment.

The Budget and Performance Working Group, the monitoring committee which was mysteriously axed without explanation a year ago, will also be immediately resurrected.

The humiliating climb-down secured the



CHRIS MILLINGTON



TONY DURCAN



ANDREW JOHNSON

votes of administration councillors but left the opposition furious as they had been given no prior notice of the change.

John Paul Goddard (Independent) branded the leaders "pathetic" and taunted them: "Whatever they say about having listened, the real reason they've come here with this different proposal is because they couldn't get their original one past the Labour group."

Calling on the leaders to "do the decent thing" and resign, Conservative leader Andrew Johnson criticised the administration for not apologising for the financial fiasco and added: "As much as I don't get on with councillor Brooks, as much as we differ politically, at least when he was in charge we had a sharp mind monitoring things."

"In comparison, councillor Durcan is as sharp as a piece of four-by-two."

This week, a *Star* online poll revealed that

more than 84 per cent of people who voted thought the leaders should resign. But Mr Brooks, along with other administration councillors, leapt to the leadership's defence, insisting the new proposal was "the obvious thing to do."

He added: "To councillor Durcan's credit, he has come here with proposals that can take us forward, given where we are."

Ruling out resigning, Mr Durcan, who had sat stony-faced throughout the attacks, criticised opposition councillors for "getting personal" and reeled off a list of recent council achievements.

"Is it the case, in a position of leadership, that when the going gets tough you just walk away?" he asked. "Is that what the town wants? And if I did just walk out the door, what exactly would that achieve?"

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Light show is set to make scans relaxed

X-RAY patients are to be given a colourful light show after Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital became one of the first in the country to install a state-of-the-art scanner.

The equipment, which gives a 3-D scan of any image of the body, starts the visual entertainment as patients enter the full body capsule. It is one of only a handful to be installed in England.

PAH radiology manager Liz Mazura said: "The idea of having the lightshow is to relax the patient while the images are being taken. It is proving to be very beneficial to patients and staff."

The equipment was installed as part of the hospital's newly refurbished scanning suite which offers more space, better lighting and improved ventilation. It was developed as part of an ongoing programme of improvement to radiology services.

Dr Sandra Dimmock, medical director and consultant radiologist at PAH, said its inclusion was one of several projects being worked on to modernise radiology services.

"Earlier this year, we completed the introduction of a digital picture archiving computer system that has meant the virtual elimination of x-ray film," she said.

"Health professionals can instantly compare new and previous images at the touch of a button."

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Spurs stars kick up a lot of festive cheer at ward



A PREMIER TIME: Pictured, left to right, Spurs players Tom Huddlestone, Ricardo Rocha and Aaron Lennon meet Clare Richards and Lauren Wright (photo: CWDD39RZ/01)

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IT was a Lilywhite Christmas for poorly youngsters when first-team players from Tottenham Hotspur spread some festive cheer around the children's ward at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Laden with gifts, Spurs stars Aaron Lennon, Tom Huddlestone and Ricardo Rocha joked, signed autographs and posed for photos with the young patients during their hour-long visit.

Youngsters' faces lit up as they got to meet their

footballing heroes before being given their early Christmas presents by Santa, who had shed his traditional red and white suit in favour of the Premiership team's colours instead!

Portuguese international centre defender Rocha told the *Star*: "It's very important for us to make these kinds of visits – especially at this time of year – because we know these kids have a lot of problems and hopefully we can do something to make them feel a bit better."

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IN the last of our behind-the-scenes peeks into the day-to-day lives of unsung heroes at St Clare Hospice we meet the nursing team to find out what they do to make patients' Christmas as enjoyable as possible.



By
LOUISE SASSOON

If you still associate nursing staff with the surly matrons you might expect to find on the hospital wards of yesteryear, then think again.

The team of dedicated professionals at St Clare Hospice are a far cry from the starchy, buttoned-up hospital staff people may think care for the terminally ill.

They are ordinary family people who happen to be special enough to have made a career out of caring for the sick and are willing to tailor their own lives for the sake of their patients – 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year.

"We are mindful at Christmas time that the people who come to us want to be with their families and many of them want to be at home as well," said director of nursing Rita Cutts.

"In the run-up to Christmas we try to get people in so we can control their symptoms and offer the care they need



COMMITTED TO CARING: Pictured, left to right, are Suzanne Bell, Marion Callow, Qamar Abbas, Rita Cutts and Julia Shaffer (photo: J4WFLDQ/01)

so we can get them home for Christmas if that is where they want to be. We know for some people it may be their last one."

A sign of acknowledgement reverberated around the room from five of the hospice's 22-strong nursing staff, with whom I shared a cup of coffee and

a chat while listening to their experiences.

As well as Rita there was Suzanne Bell, team leader for the inpatient unit, deputy medical director Qamar Abbas, senior occupational therapist Marion Callow and Julia Shaffer, physiotherapist and complementary therapy lead.

Each have a part to play in making patients stay as comfortable as possible throughout the year, but never more so than at Christmas time.

"I have brought my partner in for Christmas dinner when I have been working on Christmas Day before," said Suzanne. "I think the patients like to see that."

"We put stockings at the end of patients' beds so they have something to wake up to and we decorate the hospice for Christmas. Really we try to make it as much of a family day as we can."

While the personal touch is never more present than at the hospice itself, the care does not stop at the door.

Throughout the year those who are well enough to go home for a few days have their homes assessed and kitted out with the necessary equipment by Marion and Julia, who are also the driving force behind providing community care.

Their back up comes in the shape of a 24-hour advice line and 24-hour admission service which are available for people to ring if patients' symptoms worsen.

And staff also educate GPs and nurses who work for the NHS and local primary care trusts, passing on their knowledge and giving them a lesson in bedside manner during in-house training days, placements and conferences to make sure everybody who is in the last stages of their lives, irrespective of where they are, receive the treatment, care and respect they deserve.

For those not well enough to leave the hospice for the Christmas period, 24-hour care is still on offer from nurses and doctors who think nothing of changing their own plans to fit in with the needs of the hospice.

Qamar, who brought his family to the hospice while on call on Christmas Day, said the place was far from upsetting

"This is a happy place where sad things happen," he said. "One patient said to me when I brought in my children that she found it really very refreshing."

"It isn't just clinical services we offer but an approach we use which treats patients' physical, emotional, physical social and spiritual needs."

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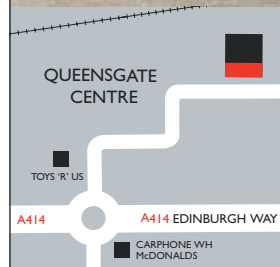
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Victim's shock at knifepoint gang robbery

A MAN was threatened with a knife and robbed during a terrifying attack in Old Harlow. The 36-year-old was walking through an alley off High Street when he was approached by three men at 6.50pm on Monday. They pushed him against a wall and one held a knife to his chest while the other two searched his pockets and stole cash.

The victim was left shaken by the robbery, the latest in a spate carried out in Harlow in the run-up to Christmas.

Harlow crime reduction officer Graham Anthony said: "We would encourage anybody who is going out on their own at dark to avoid using alleyways or secluded areas if possible and try to stay in more public places."

The suspect with the knife is described as black, in his early 20s, 1.83m (6ft) tall, of medium build and with large brown eyes. He was wearing a black bomber jacket with a hood, dark jeans and white trainers. He spoke with a deep voice and had a local accent.

The other two are white Europeans, both wearing dark grey hooded tops and dark tracksuit bottoms. One is 1.78m (5ft 10ins) and of medium build. The other is 1.7m (5ft 7ins) tall and of slim build.

Anyone with information should call PC Andy Myers at Harlow on (01279) 625412 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Website offering help to parents

A WEBSITE offering advice and support to parents of children with behavioural problems has gone live.

The North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and the Children's Fund Essex venture lists a range of support options and topics covered include self-harm, aggression, anti-social behaviour and conditions such as attention deficit disorder. Help for parents with addiction problems is also available. The website can be found at www.nepft.nhs.uk.

Charity's boost thanks to BAA

CANCER patients stand to benefit from a Christmas charity windfall.

BAA Stansted donated £1,600 to the Together In West Essex charity in Harlow instead of sending out Christmas cards.

Fresh calls for block on homes plan

CONTROVERSIAL plans to develop Green Belt land north of Harlow have met with renewed opposition from neighbouring East Herts Council.

The authority has reiterated its objections to the Harlow North development and has recommended ministers remove the proposals from the draft East of England Plan, which is due for debate in the spring.

It believes there has not been an adequate infrastructure study carried out on the Rye Meads water treatment plant and fears the facility would struggle to cope with increased demand from a potential 20,000 extra homes.

Concerns have also been raised over the adverse effects the development would have on sites of European and international importance for nature conservation.

Thames Water this week said an expansion of the sewage works facility off Rye Road was not set in stone, although the firm confirmed it was in talks with councillors and regulatory body OFWAT regarding growth projections for the region.

Mike Carver, East Herts Council's executive member for planning policy and transport, said: "We have tried to be helpful in our response to

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Government. We still maintain our opposition to the development north of Harlow and we don't see how that area can even be considered for development without a relevant infrastructure study."

A spokesman for STOP Harlow North said the council's unwavering objections were further proof that the plans were untenable.

"With the residents, parish, town, district and county councils in Hertfordshire united against this development, the Government would be foolish to ignore such a weight of opinion and concrete over our countryside," he added.

But Harlow MP Bill Rammell – a staunch supporter of the proposals – told the *Star*: "I have said throughout the process that it is important that the development in Harlow North comes with the required infrastructure investment. We have just been awarded £17m by the Government to support this, including provision for water."

"However the objection from East Herts Council is more fundamental. It wants no development in its backyard and everything in Harlow. That's not fair, it's not sustainable and it's why I have argued for development to the north of Harlow."

Youngsters get arty with Christmas cards



A CHILDREN'S art workshop took a seasonal turn when youngsters made Christmas cards and decorated cakes and biscuits.

The group of more than 20 youngsters enjoyed some Christmas-themed activities at the Gibberd Galley in Harlow during this year's final meeting

COLOURFUL: Kira Nurse (8), left, and Isobel Lacey (7) show off their cards (photo: YYPLTGTL/02)

of the Saturday art club.

Organiser Pip King said: "They really enjoyed the class; it was a good way to end the year."

The art club will reconvene on January 13, from 10am-noon.

Films fans flock to feel the force



SCI-FI bounty hunters had a good Luke-around when they trooped along to a *Star Wars* open day.

Three Darths Collectables proved a force to be reckoned with when 250 people descended on the shop in Harlow Business Centre on Saturday.

The event, which was held to mark its recent formal opening after operating as an internet-only business, saw hardcore fans turn up dressed as characters from the six-film series.

Once inside visitors then had the chance to look over the shop's array of

EVIL EMPIRE: Pictured with two stormtroopers, bounty hunter Jango Fett and Darth Maul are, rear, left to right, Nick Roach and Mark Kelly (photo: WY3T7CLK/03)

toys and memorabilia from *Star Wars* and other films as well as to enter a prize draw.

A further 25 people were treated to a free gift.

Manager Mark Kelly said: "The day was really well received and we had a lot of people come to visit."

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WE SAY

THE last month of 2007 has been a disaster for Harlow Council.

No sooner had Government watchdogs praised it as one of the fastest improving authorities in the country than all its apparent good work was undone.

First, there was the closure of the swimming pool on health and safety grounds which spurred angry residents to ask why the problems were not dealt with sooner. Then a yawning £1.8m black hole was exposed in its budget, infuriating a town still reeling from cuts made to services in order to plug a £2m deficit just three years ago.

Now it seems the council's standing can only fall further, with Government chiefs criticising health and safety at Parndon Wood Crematorium and raising concerns about the authority's monitoring of health and safety in other aspects.

Could it be any worse? Let's hope 2008 brings with it a change of fortune - not to relieve the pressure on councillors or officers but so Harlow can finally be given the services it needs and deserves.

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SIR, I am very angry with Harlow Council. In 2005 the Labour/Liberal Democrat administration promised that if we agreed to swingeing cuts of £2m we could look forward to a better future. Now we learn that we are back to where we started.

I really don't understand how the council could have allowed itself to get £1.8m in debt. Why on Earth did it not monitor its cash flow?

We have very expensively paid officers and generously financed councillors and yet they could not get something as basic as checking their bank statements right.

Labour councillor Kevin Brooks has expressed grave concern that the budget working group, which he set up, had not met for over a year. In my book that constitutes gross negligence on the part of the administration. If council leaders Tony Durcan and Chris Millington do not understand the gravity of this incompetence then they have no right to remain in office.

I should like to know whether the Audit Commission knew of the council's financial incompetence when it awarded it the accolade of most improved council in the country. If not, then the council's chief executive has some serious questions to answer.

I want the truth. After 10 years of New Labour, I hope that's not too much to ask.

Dave Kirton
Longbanks, Harlow

Lack of leadership

SIR, I write regarding the recent full council meeting held last Thursday evening. To say I was monumentally disappointed with the behaviour of joint leaders Tony Durcan and Chris Millington is to put it mildly.

Serious questions were being asked of them regarding the mishandling of the council's budget which has led to a £1.8m overspend. When asked questions they continually talked among themselves and avoided eye contact with the opposition.

My disappointment deepened when they finally came to answer questions over the blackhole in the council's finances. Both failed to give straight answers to straight questions. The administration was asked several times why the monthly budget working group set up to monitor cash flow in the wake of similar financial problems

Heads should roll for budget crisis

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Council turns 'golden legacy' into gaping £1.8m black hole



FLASHBACK: Last week's Harlow Star

back in 2004 had not met for nearly a year. Councillor Durcan did not answer.

When asked if at the time the Audit Commission was making its report on Harlow Council whether he had known of this overspend, councillor Durcan neither confirmed nor denied this was the case. He just dodged the question stating Labour's past record. So I ask the question again Mr Durcan: did you know of the overspend at the time the Audit Commission was piecing together its report?

Councillor Jean Clarke accused the Tories of playing politics with the subject and said Labour was the compassionate party. If the Tories are not entitled to ask what has happened to £1.8m of taxpayers' money then what questions are they entitled to ask? Moreover, how compassionate were Labour and the Liberal Democrats when they couldn't be bothered to do their job and now threaten to cut frontlines services?

At the end of the debate when I thought they could do nothing further to irritate me, council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley cheerily brushed aside this debacle by asking members if they cared to join her for some cake as it was her birthday. Having just failed to do the honourable thing and resign, I thought councillors Durcan and Millington really have had their cake and eaten it.

Russell Perrin
The Dashes, Harlow

An act of betrayal

SIR, Harlow Council is in crisis. First we had the spectacle of a senior member of staff being suspended while the council investigated an overspend at the Harlow Playhouse. Then we heard the devastating news that years of neglect was forcing the early closure of Harlow Pool and now we learn that there is a £1.8m black hole in Town Hall finances.

Could it possibly get worse? The answer is yes. To make good the Labour-led council's incompetence it will have to cut back on the town's dwindling discretionary services. In the 2008/9 budget much-cherished services such as Pet's Corner and the Leah Manning Centre are unlikely to escape Labour's cost-cutting axe.

But what really makes me angry is that in 2005 all three parties buried their differences to swallow the bitter pill of massive cuts to services so that we could place Harlow Council's finances on a sound footing. After 40 years of Harlow being little more than Labour's plaything the people of Harlow were led to believe that in accepting £2m of cuts we could look forward to a period of mature and competent government. We have been betrayed.

To compound the crime our blundering council was forced to admit its own budget working group, which had been set up to monitor any potential breach in the budget, had not met for over a year. This is scandalous.

I attended last week's full council meeting but meaningful explanations there were none. Apologies for their woeful incompetence were not to be heard and resignations for their breach of promise were not tendered.

And to think the Government's answer to increased public participation in the democratic process is a free doughnut. If it wasn't so serious I would laugh.

Guy Mitchinson
Joyners Field, Harlow

Waiting for apology

SIR, As a Harlow councillor I am still in shock at the news that our Labour/Liberal Democrat administration has managed to run up a £1.8m deficit in the 2007/8 budget without realising it.

On Thursday the joint council leaders took a bloody nose for the fact that this should have been known long ago and residents could be facing cuts in services.

Labour's previous leader, Kevin Brooks, was right to say he had grave concerns that the budget working group had not met for a year. From out of the mouth of one of their own most prominent members comes proof that this administration has been negligent.

It must be a bitter consolation for councillor Brooks to leave us in January knowing that he has been proved right but in doing so he has condemned his own side.

Yet what did we hear from his colleagues he leaves to lead us? New leader Tony Durcan refused an apology to Harlow's residents and taxpayers, just as his Liberal Democrat partners had refused to apologise over the closure of Harlow Pool.

Just as Conservatives had to apologise for the pool closure, I am prepared to do what councillor Durcan finds himself unable to do and apologise to our residents and taxpayers for this series of disasters once again enveloping the tragedy that is Harlow Council.

Apart from that, all I can say to residents is what Conservatives in Harlow have been saying for the past 10 years - the answer is in their hands and will be again at the ballot boxes next May.

Lee Dangerfield
Berecroft, Harlow

Time to speak out

SIR, Our country's once-proud people, as a whole, are now terrified to speak the truth, it seems. In these ultra-politically correct times, I am afraid that we have, as a nation, succumbed to pressure, all too readily, to tow the Big Brother-styled hidden agenda line.

We are now governed, both locally and nationally, by little grey men and women in their little grey suits who seem hell-bent to force us into a position where we are afraid to break the rules they have apparently brain-washed us into thinking we must obey.

These yoghurt-knitting, namby-pambies follow the doctrine of no-one being allowed to voice their opinion lest it offends any minority viewpoint.

Local authorities are awash with a myriad of pen-pushers who make it virtually impossible to balance the books. You could do away with half of these unseen despots and still have too many drawing a salary for which we are paying.

It is patently obvious that the majority of these jobs now deal with matters such as parking fines administration, translation of English into dozens of other languages,

printing of circulars telling us just how good our local council is etc, etc. Until we, as a populace, make our feelings known, this farce will sadly be self-perpetuating.

It is time to stand up to these anonymous hidden officials. Parking laws are currently being exploited as a council cash cow. Of course they will deny this but I was heavily involved in the setting-up of a London borough's parking scheme when parking offences were officially decriminalised, many years ago and if the public knew the extent of profits made from such schemes they would not be very happy.

Our council is even currently imposing fines on the motoring public when a lot of its kerbside markings and signs are incorrectly displayed. As an expert in this field, I can assure you that they are little short of amateurish.

Bob Stannard
Bellfield Gardens, Harlow

Council collectives

SIR, As Harlow Council has lost almost £2m of our money again and as residents were not allowed to participate, I thought your readers might like to try a game I play to while away the time over the Christmas holidays.

We know we have a gaggle of geese and a herd of cattle so here are some of my suggestions. Maybe your readers can think up some more.

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An appraisal of Harlow councillors
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Michael Carr
Rundells, Harlow

Threats were real

SIR, Further to John Young's letter about the delay to the building of the new swimming pool and "the vitriolic opposition and the imaginary threats to the Town Park" (Letters, December 6), time must have dimmed his memory as there was widespread condemnation of the proposals throughout the town and not just those living in the vicinity of the park.

These threats were hardly imaginary when the *Star* actually published preliminary plans showing the whole of the showground being covered in concrete for buildings and car parking.

Mr Young should examine his own conscience about the proposed desecration of the park and the fact that it was in his time as a councillor all those years ago that actions could have been taken that would have prevented the closure of the swimming pool now.

Mike Armsworth
Stackfield, Harlow

Skating on thin ice

SIR, Does Harlow Council realise that it has flouted trade descriptions and advertising standards by describing the postage stamp-sized skating rink near the Market Square as, and I quote from the council's website, "a large ice rink"?

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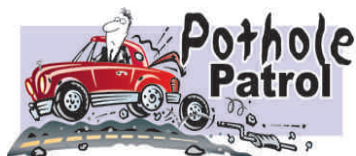
ALMOST 50 people have been hit in the pocket after being caught littering or fly-tipping in Harlow during the past six months.

At the last count Harlow Council officials had handed out on-the-spot fines to 43 people. And this week council chiefs warned more could be on the cards after they appointed a new "enviro-crimes" enforcement officer.

Eleanor Macy, chairwoman of the council's environment and community committee, said: "This team is fully committed to taking a strong line against people who drop litter, fly-tip or don't clear up after their dog has fouled.

"We can and do penalise or prosecute those offenders we identify. However, it's not all about enforcement, it's also about raising awareness of how people should treat the environment."

The maximum penalty for fly-tipping is £50,000 and a possible 12-month prison sentence. Maximum fines for littering and dog fouling are £1,000 and £2,500 respectively.



THIS week we turn the Pothole Patrol spotlight on Staffords, Harlow, where one eagle-eyed resident says cracks and craters feature all the way along the street.

The resident hoped a call to the *Star* might shame the powers-that-be into resurfacing the road.

If you know of a pothole you want named and shamed call 01279 400577 or send the details by email to sassoonl@hertsessexnews.co.uk

Dad's gift gaffe on a trip to tip

By **LIZZIE HALL**
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A RED-faced dad was left feeling a right turkey when he mistakenly dumped more than £200 worth of Christmas presents at the rubbish tip.

Television producer James Fulk (35) offloaded the sack of gifts at the household waste site in River Way, Harlow.

His wife Natalie (32) went Christmas crackers when he told her what he had done.

"He was going to the tip and I told him there was a box and a bin bag in the boot of the car that needed to go too," she said. "I also told him that there was a big sack of Christmas presents for our two boys.

"When he got back he came into the house and said 'You did want that other bag dumping too, didn't you?' At first I thought he was joking but when I realised he wasn't I told him if that he didn't return with the presents he shouldn't return at all!"

Mr Fulk, of Barnard Road, Sawbridgeworth, hurried back to the dump to retrieve the gifts — but his mission was hampered by the fact that he could not remember which container he had thrown them to.

"I told a man who worked there what had happened but he wasn't in a rush to



RELIEVED: James Fulk at the civic amenity site in Harlow where he dumped a sackload of Christmas presents by mistake (photo: V2TMW7WJ/04)

help me so I looked in every container," he said. "When I finally saw it a digger was about to crush it. Had I been two minutes longer it would have been too

late!"

A relieved Mrs Fulk said: "Everything was still in it although somewhat dented."

Brothers in court over boat death

TWO brothers accused of killing a pleasure boat captain have appeared at the Old Bailey.

Christopher Liddard, (26) of Challinor, Harlow, and Andrew Liddard (21), of Plomer Avenue, Hoddesdon, face charges of manslaughter and affray over the death of father-of-three Michael Reed (67) in June.

The brothers were due to enter pleas at the hearing on Friday but the case was adjourned until February. An application to dismiss the charges against Christopher Liddard was also adjourned until next year.

During the brief hearing the defendants, both bankers, spoke only to confirm their names. They did not enter pleas to the charges of manslaughter or affray. Both brothers are on bail but are banned from entering any station or stop belonging to City Cruises or entering within 500 metres of the City of London.

They are also electronically tagged and have been made the subject of a curfew between 9pm and 6am.

Judge Peter Thornton set a new plea and case management hearing for February 15.

Opportunity to learn

ADULTS looking to boost their skills and qualifications can take advantage of a new programme of community learning courses starting in Harlow next month.

The courses, run by Essex County Council's adult community learning service and taking place at its centres in Rivermill and Northbrooks, range from art, embroidery, beauty and cookery to English, mathematics, plumbing and counselling.

A full prospectus and enrolment details are available by calling (01279) 427711 or they can be viewed online at www.essexcc.gov.uk/adultlearning.

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Youth council ready to welcome poll winners



A COMMITTEE of Harlow's young political movers and shakers has a new line-up following townwide elections

More than 3,600 11-19 year-

olds cast votes for candidates in the Harlow Youth Council elections which took place earlier this month.

In an effort to maximise participation, ballot boxes were placed in the town's secondary

schools, at Harlow College, the One Stop Shop in Occasio House, The Square, libraries and youth clubs.

The results were announced by Mike White, Harlow Council's head of legal and democratic services who acted as returning officer.

The 12 successful candidates form half the 24-strong youth council. Two former councillors, Bharat Thakrar and Doris Hayford were re-elected to serve a second two-year term while the other 10 are new to the role. They will take up their posts next month.

A Harlow Council spokeswoman said: "The number of young people who voted in these elections was

amazing. These young people will play an important part in ensuring that the youth council continues to be an effective forum for young people to share views and have their say.

"Local decision-makers take notice of what the youth council says and full youth council meetings are attended by senior Harlow councillors and officers. Being a youth councillor can be very rewarding and an excellent way of learning news skills and trying out new experiences."

She added: "We wish to thank the retiring youth councillors who will be standing down early next year, for their tremendous contribution to the community during their time as councillors."

Guide trio honoured at awards ceremony



THREE Girl Guides from Harlow showed some girl power when they were each presented with one of the movement's top awards.

Fourteen-year-olds Amy Head, Georgia Cathorne and Natalie Bell received their Baden Powell Awards in a ceremony held at St Stephen's Church Hall in Bush Fair on Friday.

The trio, all members of the 1st Tye Green unit, qualified for

their awards after earning a number of badges including cookery, craft, and active response.

They also completed a series of 10 challenges in such diverse areas as the outdoors, arts and music, home skills and community activities.

Pictured, left to right, are Amy, Natalie and Georgia.

(photo: SC2PV2DL/03)

Stroke group raffle

THERE is still just enough time to support a Christmas raffle in aid of Harlow Stroke Support Group, the chosen charity of Harlow Council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley.

Mrs Spenceley and a team of volunteers have been out in the town centre selling tickets for the grand draw. Prizes include a flat screen television set and a year's free parking at the Harvey Centre.

Winning tickets will be picked tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. Tickets costing £1 each are available at the Civic Centre or by calling the Stroke Support Group on (01279) 308313.

Festive family fun

FUN for all the family takes place at the Museum of Harlow, in Muskham Road, on Saturday with the chance for parents and children to enjoy a traditional Christmas story and then make a decoration to take away.

The session takes place from 11am-2pm.

Saturday will also be the museum's last opening day before it closes for the holiday period. It will re-open on January 2.

Volunteers meet

LOCAL volunteers from all sections of the community enjoyed a get-together with tea and mince pies on Monday.

The gathering was organised by the Volunteer Centre Harlow and held at its offices in Wych Elm.

WI in good voice

MEMBERS of Harlow Women's Institute enjoyed a Christmas sing-song at the WI Hall in Garden Terrace Road, Old Harlow, on Monday.

The event was the last of the year for the group which is now looking to welcome new members for the new year. For more details call Daphne Stringer on (01279) 600913.

Blood sessions

BLOOD donor sessions will be held at Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall in The Forebury next Friday (December 28) between 10am-12.30pm and 2-4.15pm, and at the Latton Bush Centre in Southern Way, Harlow, the following Wednesday (January 2) between 2-4pm and 5-7.45pm.

Help to plan walk

A CHARITY is looking for volunteers to sign up for a major fundraising event taking place next year.

Breast Cancer Campaign hopes to make its 2008 Essex Friendship Walk the best yet but needs people with local knowledge to help them plan a route.

To offer your help, call Elizabeth Cook on 0207 749 3716.

Trees exhibition

AN exhibition of photographs of the 50 most popular trees in and around Epping continues at the Epping Forest District Museum in Sun Street, Waltham Abbey, until January 8.

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Four face trial on brothel accusations

FOUR people have been committed for trial to St Albans Crown Court accused of running or being concerned in the management of brothels in Harlow and Bishop's Stortford. Hertford magistrates released two men and two Chinese women on bail on Tuesday until a plea and case management hearing at the crown court scheduled for January 28.

At an earlier hearing, the court heard the four were involved in a massage service featuring Asian call girls operating from addresses at Bakers Court and Newtown Road, in Bishop's Stortford, and Barley Croft, Harlow, on or between November 1, 2005 and March 10 this year.

One of the women, Wang Li (41), of Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, had also been charged with possessing criminal property, namely £1,350 in cash, at Harlow on March 10, but the court was told this week this charge has since been withdrawn by the prosecution.

She and the other accused – Hua Si (42), of Risdens, Harlow, Colin Woolgar (52), of Milwards, Harlow, and Christopher Moore (54), of Horsley Road, Chingford, – all declined to enter pleas.

The magistrates at a previous hearing declined jurisdiction and ruled that the case must go to the crown court.

Post offices will close in Epping

TWO Post Offices in Epping are to be shut down as part of a swathe of closures throughout the region, it has been confirmed.

The announcement was made on Thursday as an unwanted Christmas present for staff and customers of the branches at 33 Allnuts Road and 39 Lindsey Street.

Post Office Ltd had already announced the offices were under threat, along with 50 others in what the company refers to as the "East Essex and Suffolk" area.

Following a public consultation, the closures have now been confirmed.

Of all the branches originally proposed for closure, just three have been saved. Harlow was not included in this phase of the Post Office's restructuring programme and any potential closures affecting the town will be announced at a later date.

Post Office's network development manager Sheila McCann said the closures had been difficult decisions but said they offered the "best prospect for a sustainable network in the future".

She added that, even after the closures, 99 per cent of people in the area will remain within one mile of a Post Office branch.

Recycling plea

RECYCLING chiefs have put out a festive plea for residents to recycle Christmas rubbish. Harlow Council wants seasonal waste such as Christmas cards, wrapping paper, flattened cardboard and food packaging, to be put out for blue box collection.

Obesity gauge wins accolade for Valerie

By **BEN WILKINSON**
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A REVOLUTIONARY new way of measuring obesity has gained a PhD for a retired lecturer from Old Harlow.

Valerie Shephard (62) spent nine years researching alternative ways of measuring the amount of abdominal fat in patients, looking in particular at how these could be implemented in the environment of a GP's surgery.

And her hard work finally paid off when she was presented with her doctorate from Anglia Ruskin University in "exploring stability of methods in measuring body composition in primary care".

Dr Shephard, a former lecturer in physiology at Anglia Ruskin, who lives in Jocelyns, is a member of St Mary's Church, in Churchgate Street, and celebrated her new qualification by throwing a party for fellow worshippers.

She told the *Star* she hoped her



(photo: NYMMVJ/01)

discovery would change the way GPs carry out measurements on their patients.

"I looked at measuring using a tape and using something called a sliding beam calliper," she said. "What I found was that rather than the traditional measuring of the waist, it is more consistently accurate to measure the back to front diameter of the tummy and get a cross-sectional measurement."

"This type of measuring has been done before but my key finding was that it can be done repeatedly in a surgery environment by doctors or nurses."

"I also discovered that another alternative method is not reliable and should not be used."

Dr Shephard now plans to travel to Geneva to present her findings to a medical conference and will also be conducting further research to refine her method.

"It always takes a long time for research to find its way into practical medicine but I think it's possible that this could be widespread in doctors' surgeries within five years," she said. "Perhaps by then, I'll be able to retire properly!"

Councillor fumes over switch of committees

JOINT Harlow Council leaders Tony Durcan and Chris Millington have been branded "petty, vindictive, spiteful little children" after forcing an independent councillor off his only committee.

John Paul Goddard protested at Thursday's full council meeting after the ruling administration removed him from the scrutiny committee and placed him instead on licensing – a committee he will hardly ever be able to attend because his father is a Hackney carriage driver and two of his uncles are local licensees.

The move follows various committee changes brought about by the deaths of Labour veteran councillors Jack Jesse and Roy Collier in the summer.

Mr Goddard was supported by Labour councillor Rob Eschle and even by members of the Conservative group which he acrimoniously walked out on earlier this year.

But the decision to change his responsibilities caused him to take a swipe at fellow councillors.

"This is not about due process, this is about personality," he complained. "I'm not asking for anything that I'm not already on."

Addressing joint council leader Chris Millington directly, he added: "Perhaps the fact you're focusing more on personality than on policy explains the financial situation the council is in."

But the joint leaders refused to budge and Mr Goddard's bid was defeated on the votes of administration councillors.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr Goddard criticised the pair for their attitude and for the situation regarding the council's £1.8m budget deficit.

"It's the kind of action which shows them for what they are – petty, vindictive, spiteful little children," he told the *Star*.

"If Tony Durcan paid as much attention to the council finances as he did to his pathetic agenda against me, then his tenure as leader might not have been so disastrous."

Award for cancer care

AN innovative NHS cancer care service pioneered by a nurse and doctor in west Essex has won a prestigious national nursing award.

Introduced throughout the region last year, the unique Community Pleural Effusion Management Scheme allows nursing teams to treat patients experiencing recurrent fluid build-up in their lungs at home rather than in hospital.

Its success has now

been recognised with an innovation award from leading nursing journal Nursing Times after saving more than 161 potential hospital admissions over the course of the year.

Developed by Ram Gulrajani, a respiratory nurse specialist with West Essex Primary Care Trust, and Dr Douglas Newberry, consultant chest physician at Princess Alexandra Hospital, the service is

the first of its kind in the UK.

Mr Gulrajani said: "Dr Newberry and I were delighted to receive this award, especially with 170 entries. I believe this is an example of primary and hospital care working together to reduce workload and to cut the length of stay for patients while still managing them safely and effectively without compromising care."



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Acting up for a great Nativity

SPINNEY INFANT SCHOOL: Young thespians of the future had chance to hone their skills when they performed a Nativity play.

The traditional story of Mary and Joseph was told during two performances at the Cook's Spinney school.

A school spokeswoman said: "The staff and

parents were all very impressed with the children's acting and singing. They all did extremely well."

Pictured above are, rear, left to right, Jack Ferguson, Mercedes Dempsey, Alisha Munn, Jordan Hayes, centre, left to right, Harry Foster, Jade Wright, front, left to right, Emily Withers and Kirsty Saville.

(photo: LQQNSGLQ/05)

Evacuees share wartime experiences



LITTLE PARNDON: Year 6 children at the Park Mead school entered into the Christmas spirit of giving when they baked egg-free cakes and served tea for pensioners who were themselves child evacuees during the Second World War.

About 15 people from the area were invited along to the school as part

CHILDHOOD DAYS: Left to right, Taylor Brown, Bradley Botten, Pat Tucker, Connor Ellis, Ronald Tucker and Phyllis Tucker (photo: MCR4HXGK/05)

of an on-going history project.

After refreshments, children interviewed the visitors about their wartime experiences using questionnaires they created during lessons.

Teacher Rachel Thomson said: "The atmosphere was amazing and the children were enthralled. They had about an hour to speak to the visitors and ask them about their childhood experiences."

Twice the fun for school's Christmas

Full-time courses starting in January at Hertford Regional College.

change of heart?



SEASONS TO BE CHEERFUL: Above, children at the primary school in costume for their Nativity (photo: V3YKRLWT/01); right, at the pre-school event are, left to right, Ryan O'Byrne, Amelia O'Mara and George Piggott (photo: MRSS3XFT/04)

ST ALBAN'S: Pupils at the pre-school and primary school put on separate performances of their Christmas concert.

While children at the primary school put on three performances of their production entitled *Santa's Change of Heart*, which featured a traditional Nativity and carol singing, children at the pre-school put on two performances of the traditional story of Mary and Joseph.

Teacher Anne-Marie McCann said: "All the performances went very well and it really reminded the children about the true meaning of Christmas."



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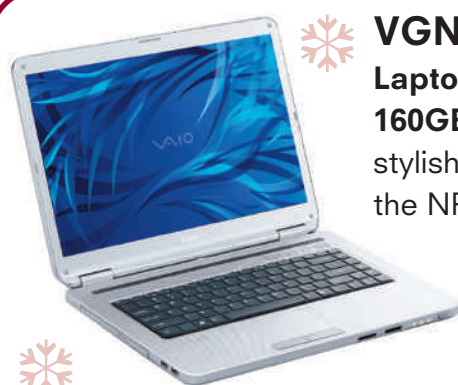
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The result of a previous online poll asking "Do you agree with Harlow Civic Society that the town centre is unkempt and uncared for?" should have read 86.3 per cent said yes and 16.4 per cent said no.

FIVE MOST READ WEB STORIES

- 1) Man killed at train station
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Tories give Scouts an elf-ing hand



CHRISTMAS cheer was spread in the town on Saturday when Harlow Conservatives donned fancy dress and teamed up with 1st Kingsmoor Scout Group to

help it raise funds for a new hut. Members in festive attire handed out sweets and Christmas cards to passers-by in Harlow town centre, raising more than £300.

Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon, an elf for the occasion, said: "I'm sure I looked quite silly but I enjoyed it immensely."

Council to go on the buses?

SETTING up a council-run bus company is among the radical options to be considered in an attempt to counter the spiralling costs of concessionary travel.

Harlow Council's audit and improvement committee has instructed officers to investigate alternative ways ahead after learning that its bill to pay for free and discounted public transport for the elderly could hit £1.4m – £193,000 more than allowed for in the budget.

Addressing councillors on December 10, head of community services Lynn Seward said the demand for bus passes had grown and, with the introduction next year of free bus travel anywhere in the country for pensioners, the costs are likely to escalate further.

"The Government will be making

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£212m of additional funds available nationally, but our share of this is unlikely to cover the costs," she said, adding that the formula for reimbursing bus companies was also likely to change to the council's disadvantage.

Lorna Spenceley (Liberal Democrat) said that even perfect auditing would not solve the problem of increasing take-up.

"Given what this is already costing us, we need to think about whether there is something radical we could do that would increase our influence," she said, suggesting that the council could even look at starting its own bus company.

Despite concerns the scheme would not be financially viable, other members saw merit and Joshua

Jolles (Conservative) liked the idea.

"The bus companies are obviously running at a profit so, providing we didn't run it in the way we ran so many services in the past, I don't see why we couldn't get our hands on some of that profit by owning or part-owning a bus operator," he said.

Earlier this month, Essex County Council leader Lord Hanningfield raised concerns at the House of Lords about the possible tax burden the scheme would put on the county's residents. He said it required sound legislative funding, reimbursement and administrative arrangements, some of which were not yet clear.

● **MAINTENANCE** and cleaning of Harlow's bus station is sent to improve with the awarding of a new £90,000 contract for its upkeep.

Harlow Council, which has carried out the work in-house up to now, has instead appointed a private firm from the best of six tenders.

Supervision order for glass attacker

A SINGLE mother of two has been given an 18-month community supervision order for throwing a glass into the face of a female customer at a Sawbridgeworth pub.

Dawn Ellis (23), of Stile Croft, was appearing for sentence on Wednesday after pleading guilty last month to assaulting Ashley Newberry at The White Lion, in London Road, on June 29.

Hertford magistrates

heard that both Ellis and the victim were among separate groups of friends in the pub when an argument broke out.

Kirsty Walker, prosecuting, said Ellis grabbed Miss Newberry by her hair and kneed her. She was removed from the bar area by the landlord but as she was walking along a corridor she turned and threw a glass at Miss Newberry, hitting her in the face.

The victim received cuts

to her forehead and bruising to the left eye.

At the previous hearing, Jeremy Smith said in mitigation that the victim had not required medical treatment for the injuries she sustained and left the pub in a taxi with friends after reporting the incident to the police.

He said Ellis was a single mother of children aged two and three. She was separated from her husband and going

through divorce proceedings.

He added that Ellis accepted she needed help to control her anger and was very remorseful about injuring Miss Newberry.

Magistrates told Ellis she must attend aggression replacement and alcohol treatment programmes under the community order and also pay £87 costs. Miss Newberry was awarded £100 compensation.



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Deaths

FREDERICK JOSEPH SMITH

Peacefully in St Clare Hospice on 14th December 2007, aged 73 years, late of Sawbridgeworth, Herts. The beloved Husband of Emy, a dear Dad to Linda, Jennifer, Diane and Rodney, and a wonderful and loving Grandad to his 16 Grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and many friends. Fred's Funeral service is to be held on Saturday 22nd December 2007 at The Forest Park Crematorium, Hainault, at 12.30pm. Flowers or donations if desired, for St Clare Hospice (cheques made payable to MFH charities account) may be sent to the funeral directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS Tel: 01279 626238

BERT CHURCH

My best friend. I will miss you so much. Sweet dreams. Love you, Chris.

LAKE. — Ruth (formally Skinner). Died 23rd November 2007 aged 96 years.

MARGARET MARY MEANY

Passed away peacefully in hospital on Saturday 15th December aged 81 years. A wonderful Mother and Grandmother loved by all who knew her. 'Safely home at last'. All enquiries and flowers to Daniel Robinson Funeral Directors, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex.

EDWARD SCOTT BASS

16.12.05
It's two long years since you went away. Oh how we wish you could of stayed. Love and miss you every day. Dad, Mum and Philip xxx

DEAN. — Noel. Missing you Dad especially on your Birthday, Christmas Day. Love you Dad. Neville. Shine On.

DEAN. — Noel. Remembering your Birthday Grandad. Love and miss you, Angela, Kimberley and Great Grandchildren.

DEAN. — Noel. Remembering your Birthday darling on Christmas Day. Love you always, Sylvia.

EDWARDS. — Ron. December 24th 1999. Forever in our thoughts. Doreen, Nephews and families.

EDWARDS. — Ron. December 24th 1999. Good times we shared, they will leave us never. Locked in our hearts, they will stay forever. Love always, Rosalind, Gary, Martin.

LINDA FAUNCH

1939 - 2006
We think about you every day and talk about you too. Our memories we will always have but wished we still had you. Love you always xxx
Peter, Tanya, Angie, Robert, Sarah, Karis, Ashli, Grant, Scott and friends.

ROSS HADLEY

22-12-07
Thoughts of you on your Birthday and at Christmas. Missing you. Love always
Tracey x Tom x Karis x

ROSS HADLEY

Missing you so much on your Birthday. Love you lots. Nan and Pop xx

ALBERT HARMAN

19-1-34 - 25-7-07
Remembering our anniversary 17th December. Thank you for 52 years of memories. Love and miss you so much. In God's care, till we are together again. Always in my heart. x Grace x

HAYWARD MUM and DAD

You will always be remembered in a very special way. Thinking of you at Christmas and on your Birthdays. God Bless and miss you. Sandra and Manuel Eileen and Bernie xxxxx

BRIAN HODGSON

Died 25th December 2005. Its been two years since losing a very special Husband. Miss and love you always. God Bless. Love Beryl xx

HUMPHRIES. — May. 24th December 1999. Treasured memories of a very special Mum and Nan loved and missed so much especially at Christmastime. Love Margaret, Gerald and family.

JONES. — Arnie. In loving memory. You were simply the best, head and shoulders above the rest. Love always Sheila. xx

KUECK. — Heinrich (Henry). In loving memory of a dear husband and father who died December 23rd 1992. Loved and remembered always. Love Joan, Peter, Anna and Bill.

LAMBERT. — Lucy and Fred. In loving memory of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, died December 14th 1956, and our Father and Grandfather, died December 25th 1969. Forever in our hearts. Our memories will live forever. Thelma, Ernie and David.

ROSS HADLEY

22nd December Birthday wishes come to you. Our beautiful boy who was taken too soon. We keep you close within our hearts. Love you always. Until we meet again. All our love Mum, Dad and Mark. xxx

HADLEY. — Ross. 22-12-07. Best wishes to our special Cousin. Miss you always. Gemma, Jade, Hayley. xxx

HADLEY. — Ross. 22-12-07 Thinking of you on your Birthday and at Christmas. Miss you always. Love Tina and Terry. xx

DOT FOSTER

Remembering our dear Mum who died suddenly on the 21.12.06. We all miss you so much and hope you are reunited with our Dad (Alf). Always in our daily thoughts. Love and kisses Sue, John, Pat, Dave, Goff, Lindsay, Daren and Maisie, Michelle, Ant, Tegan and Antony Junior, Jamie, Amy, Sarah, Stuart and our new addition Olivia. x

QUEENIE GIBBS

18.12.02
REGINALD GIBBS
23.12.02
Though heaven and earth divide us and distance may seem far, you are very close to us this day the way you always were. Love Diana, Ray, Scott, Craig, Zoe, Ashton, Tierney

ALFRED NELMES

Passed away December 19th 2002, aged 80 years. Five years have passed, gone but not forgotten, thinking of you always. All our love, Rene, John, Corinne, Christine, Mark, Family and Friends xxx

RICHARD GEORGE WOOD

23rd December 2006
One year has gone since you left us. The memories of your love and kindness will always stay in our thoughts. Your loving Wife, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchild

Christmas In Memoriam

SONTAG. — Leonard Albert. 23-12-26 - 20-9-04. Another Birthday, another Xmas without you. Forever in my thoughts. Love Mollie. x

BREAREY. — In loving memory of Fay, who died Boxing Day 2005. Christmas will never be the same as you will not be here. Loved and missed. Also, in loving memory of Mark, tragically taken from us 1988. Forever in our thoughts. Your loving Mum, Melvin, Lucy, Jacqueline and Christopher. xxxxx

RICKY STEVENS

A year has almost passed and I miss you more than ever. I can wipe away my tears but my heart will ache forever. Love Mum x

BROWN

In loving memory of my late wife Bev. Your everloving Alan xx

LEE CLARK

27/09/1981 - 22/04/2007
My Darling Lee, Christmas and our Anniversary will be so hard without you here, thinking of you darling, always. I will Love You forever. Your Princess, Your Sweetness, Your Anna xxx

STOCK. — Bill. Nine years have gone since you closed your eyes and went to sleep. We miss you and think about all the happy times we shared. Love you always, Maureen and family. xx

JERRY TRAVELLER

Died 25 December 2006
When nights are long and friends are few I sit alone and think of you. My lonely heart and silent tear All I think of is that you were here. My Christmas wish would be to have you here. Miss you so much. Barb

TRAVELLER. — Jeremy. 25-Dec-2006 A year has passed since you were sadly taken from us. But we still have our precious memories. Love from Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

JIM TUPPER

Darling
Six years have passed and the hurt is the same. I miss you so much and want you back again. Yours always Doreen xxx

JOHN STEVENS

This is our second Christmas apart. I love and miss you. I just feel empty without you. Love you always Chris xxx

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Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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Birthday

HOUGHTON. — Emma. Happy 23rd Birthday darling, 24th December. With lots of love Mum, Dan and family. xxx

1st Birthday



KALLUM PIGGOTT
Happy 1st Birthday for the 24th December. We love you loads Mummy and Daddy

2nd Birthday

CLELAND. — Izabel. Happy 2nd Birthday, December 20th. Love Nanny, Grandad, Laura, Bryan, Ashleigh, Jamie. xx

13th Birthday



TERRI AUSTIN
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16th Birthday



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Happy 16th Birthday to our Darling Daughter on December 20th. Love and Hugs Mum and Dad

PEACOCK. — Alice. Happy 16th birthday. To a very special Granddaughter. Love you lots, Nan.

PEACOCK. — Alice. Happy 16th birthday. To a special Niece. Lots of love, Trudi, Paul and Evie.

18th Birthday



CHARLEY ROWLEY
Happy 18th Birthday. 26th December. All our love Brian, Jeanette, Brooke, Jenna and Darcie

21st Birthday



STEVEN ALEY
Happy 21st Birthday. Lots of love Mum and Dad and Michelle xxx

BRIDGES. — Kelly. Happy 21st Sweetheart. Have a great party. Love from all the family. xx

TUCKER. — Stacey. Happy Twenty First. Love Nan, Grandad, Alan, Barry, Graham. xx

40th Birthday

MARK BADHAM



Happy 40th Birthday December 18th. Lots of Love Emma, Glen, Marc, Mum and Dad



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Happy 40th Birthday. Lots of love Tom xxxxx

60th Birthday



DENNIS BRUCE
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Christmas Greetings

Happy Xmas my Daughter SHARON GOODCHILD and Grandson SIMON



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Congratulations on your Wedding Day 21 December 2007. All our love from the Billings clan, not forgetting absent friends xx



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Diamond Wedding

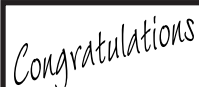


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Glanville closure the end of an institution



OUT OF BUSINESS: Frank Raven in his soon to be closed shop

(photo: BYCK2SRR/01)

ONE of Harlow's oldest stores is set to close on New Year's Eve after more than half a century of trading in the town centre.

Glanville, in the Harvey Centre, will pull down the shutters for the last time on December 31, blaming faltering sales and increasing rental costs making the business untenable. The closure will mark the end of an era for the men's clothing store – now in its 51st year – which rose from humble beginnings in a small store in Little Walk to become the town's longest continuously trading shop.

According to manager Frank Raven, who has worked at Glanville for 36 years, trade started to slip when the shop was forced to move from its previous premises in West Gate and into the Harvey Centre in 2004 because of the supposedly imminent redevelopment of the area.

"We really noticed a drop in trade

By **CHRIS MOSS**
moss@hertsessexnews.co.uk

after we'd moved out of West Gate," he told the *Star*. "We were in a much better position before the relocation and we used to have people coming in from other towns just to visit our store.

"That's not to say I'm blaming anyone for the situation we now find ourselves in. The Harvey Centre management have tried their damndest to help us out and neither can I criticise my former landlords for wanting us to move out of West Gate, as they thought the building was going to be knocked down soon after."

Mr Raven and co-worker Courtney Symons have no plans to take the franchise anywhere else and will both start the new year jobless as a result.

"Of course, it's very upsetting for me, especially seeing as I've worked here for over 36 years. It's very sad to see it all end like this – but I suppose that's just how life works out sometimes."

Raytheon hits a record with charity effort

GENEROUS employees at Harlow weapons and defence firm Raytheon Systems have donated a company record £4,500 to a national cancer charity.

Hundreds of volunteers at the firm's site in Pinnacles industrial estate helped raise £2,250 for Macmillan Cancer Support's annual Biggest Coffee Morning campaign in September, a sum which was matched by the company to double the total.

The money will go towards the charity's work to provide practical, medical, emotional and financial support to cancer sufferers and their families.

Macmillan's fundraising manager for Essex, Eleanor Burgess, said: "We are absolutely thrilled that Raytheon continues to support us year on year – and every year they break their own record!"

"This is a huge amount of money and Raytheon staff have gone that extra mile – they should be very proud. A huge thank-you to everyone; it means a lot to have this money to support the work we do."

Travel staff are off for the sun

TWO members of staff at a Harlow travel agency are off for their own taste of fun in the sun after being rewarded for their outstanding performance by company bosses.

Christina Griffiths, branch manager at Thomas Cook, in the Harvey Centre, will be jetting off to Cuba in the new year, while customer service manager Estelle Goodey can look forward to a relaxing trip on a cruise ship.

The pair were singled out for praise from a pool of more than 2,600 delegates at a recent management conference in Turkey and also received gongs for outstanding performance.

Ms Griffiths told the *Star*: "I would like to thank all of our customers that have made this possible for us to achieve our awards and for staying loyal to us through our current business affairs with Going Places."

Gift box service opens up again

SHOPPERS at Harlow's Harvey Centre are being asked to dig a little deeper into their pockets this Christmas to help those less fortunate.

The shopping centre has once again offered the Samaritan's Purse charity a rent-free home over the festive season, where volunteers will be looking to bring some Christmas cheer to underprivileged children.

In a repeat of last year's Operation Christmas Child, the charity is once again urging shoppers to donate gift-filled shoe boxes to the temporary store, which will then be distributed to needy children all around the world.

Centre manager Bryan Young said: "We are delighted to be able to assist such a worthwhile charity in its endeavours to spread happiness and goodwill to children all over the world."

Carmen's offer to the bereaved



A **BEREAVED** mother who set up a charity to support the parents of seriously ill children is now hoping to offer comfort and support to grieving families at the newly opened Epping Forest Burial Park.

Carmen Daniels and her husband Barry, from Epping, set up the Rhys Daniels Trust following the death of their two children in 1998 and have since raised thousands of pounds to help support families with

A PLACE OF TRANQUILITY: Pictured at the Epping Forest Burial Park are, *left to right*, woodland team member Matt Greaves, managing director Nick Taylor, marketing manager Fran Hall, team member Julia Rolf, manager Joe Trinnaman, family advisor Carmen Daniels, front-of-house representative Alan Callow and team member Ed Fielding (s)

children in hospital. Now Mrs Daniels is hoping to reach out to bereaved families at the 52-acre mature woodland park in North Weald after moving on from her post at Epping funeral directors Stuart

Poulton.

She said: "I can really understand what people are going through, particularly where children are involved, and it's very rewarding to be able to help."

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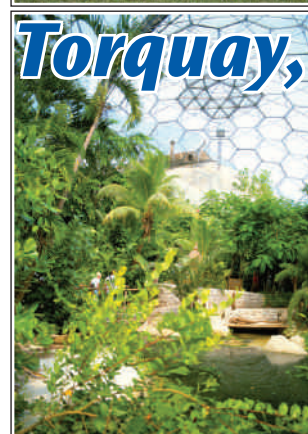


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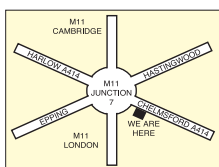
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Well, some believe that his real name is Nicholas and he was born a very long time ago in a place called Patara in Asia Minor, now known as Turkey.

His parents died when he was a teenager, leaving him lots of money.

He embraced the teachings of the Church and used much of it to help others.

One story tells of how he heard about a man who had lost all his money. This man had three daughters who were old enough to get married but in those days



young women needed money to get married.

On top of this, the family was so poor they had nothing left to eat and the man was being forced to sell his beloved daughters into slavery.

The night before the oldest daughter was to be sold she washed her stockings and hung them in front of the fire to dry before going to sleep. In the morning, she was shocked to find a bag of gold in her stocking – enough to pay for her marriage and feed her family.

The next two mornings the other daughters found bags of gold waiting for them. Their father realised it was Nicholas helping his family but when he tried to thank him for his generosity Nicholas told him to thank God that his prayers had been answered instead.

rangers fact file

NAME: Taylor (member 711)

DATE OF BIRTH: December 22, 1999

ADDRESS: Longbanks, Harlow

SCHOOL: Jerounds Junior

HOBBIES: Football, fishing and gardening

DISLIKES: Being told off

FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti bolognese

LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Peas

FAVOURITE BOOK: Fishing books

FAVOURITE TV: *The Simpsons*

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Akon

PETS: A cat, Taz, a hamster, Snugs, and a goldfish, Rooney

WANTS TO BE: A footballer



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Happy Birthday

TODAY

MARC (member 282), of Pittmans Field, Harlow and **CHLOE** (member 652), of Lower Meadow, Harlow, are both 12 and retire from Rangers. **KIERAN** (member 679), of Woodcroft, Harlow, is 9; **CRYSTAL** (member 669), of Aylets Field, Harlow, is 8; **ELOISE** (member 351), of Rivermill, Harlow, is 7; **HAILIE-JADE** (member 889), of Joyners Field, Harlow, is 5; **JACK** (member 780), of Hull Grove, Harlow is 2.

FRIDAY

ABBIE (member 740), of Cannons Brook, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. **JODIE** (member 631), of Rushton Grove, Harlow, is 11; **JACK** (member 854), of Pear Tree Mead, Harlow, is 5; **CHARLIE** (member 735), of Risdens, Harlow, is 2.

SATURDAY

TAYLOR (member 484), of Longbanks, Harlow, is 11; **TAYLOR**, of Longbanks, Harlow, is 8.

SUNDAY

ROHAN (member 222), of Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, is 9.

CHRISTMAS EVE

BEN (member 380), of The Hides, Harlow, is 11; **JACK** (member 376), of Campbell Close, Harlow, is 7.

CHRISTMAS DAY

CHARLOTTE (member 58F), of Carters Mead, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. **ELISA** (member 011), of Fennels, Harlow, and **TIA** (member 288), of Carters Mead, Harlow are both 10.

BOXING DAY

YASMIN (member 805), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, and **CAMERON** (member 777), of Abbotsweld, Harlow, are both 8; **CAMERON** (member 364), of Risdens, Harlow, is 6.

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A ghost of Christmas long past

SOMEONE Sevidently considered these Christmas lights so impressive they decided to take a picture of them but perhaps the black and white photo doesn't do them justice!

But decorations aside, there are plenty of other differences from today to spot in this festive picture of Broad Walk in December 1967.

The building occupied here by Woolworth's is a record shop today. But can you tell us what was in the hall above it, now home to the Firstbowl ten pin alley? Perhaps you went there when it was first opened?



Jan's artwork for the town



By
BEN WILKINSON

BACK in June, we reproduced a photograph sent to us by correspondent Clive Enders which featured the teachers of Mark Hall School in 1965.

Among the staff pictured, sitting in the front row was the then-head of the art department Mr Jan Hiller. But the Upper Park, Harlow, resident has another and rather more festive claim to fame – in the new town's early days, he was the Harlow Development Corporation's official Christmas card designer!

Shown here is an illustration he was commissioned to produce in 1956, depicting Harlow Market as it was before the fixed stalls were erected. And earlier in the same year Mr Hiller, now aged 89, designed the winning cartoon to be used in Harlow Urban District Council's anti-littering campaign. His design, which beat 134 other entries, depicted characters from Henry Moore's Family Group sculpture putting their litter into a bin.



As a newspaper report from the time noted: "The judges were particularly impressed with Mr J.S. Hiller's entry. Not only did they consider the artistic work to be of outstanding merit but they also felt that the theme was particularly suitable for an anti-litter campaign in Harlow, for every member of the family is responsible, in one way or another, for litter."

Among his other work was a striking poster for the Harlow Committee For The Freedom From Hunger

campaign in 1963.

Mr Hiller's wife Sheila told *Nostalgia*: "Jan was head of art at Mark Hall, starting there at the school's beginning in 1954 and retiring in 1976. He was always full of admiration for the headmaster, G.B.C. Palmer, and his colleagues.

"It's not always easy to remember names so we were both really pleased to see the photograph and some of the names printed in the *Star*, which brought back memories for us."

Book on sale

FURTHER to our piece on the history of The Playhouse, readers may be interested to know that copies of Paul Hopkins' book *The Long And The Short And The Tall*, about the history of the arts in Harlow, are available from The Museum Of Harlow, in Muskham Road, priced £2.50.

Viv's quiet time in the library

THANKS to Hornbeams resident Vivienne Wackenje who wrote in response to our question about the early days of Harlow's libraries. "As a child in the 1950s, my dad took me to our local library at The Stow," recalls Mrs Wackenje (59). "There was a nice librarian there who had golden hair which she kept in a golden net. I was fascinated by the

way she deftly flicked through the cards in those pre-computer days. "She always spoke in a whisper, as libraries then were much quieter than today. What intrigued me, though, was that she also spoke in a whisper out in the street!"

● If you have your own memories of any local libraries, please write to *Nostalgia*.

25 YEARS AGO

December 23, 1982

SHOPS FEEL THE PINCH

THE Harvey Centre is being blamed by some Harlow traders for the loss of Christmas trade – but others report bumper sales.

While the recently opened centre is flourishing in the build-up to Christmas, some market traders and owners of shops in the town centre, The Stow, Bush Fair and Staple Tye are feeling the pinch.

Mr Bernard Chapman, owner of a florist stall in the market, said: "Trade is below average. It's a sad fact that the Harvey Centre has brought an enormous amount of people into Harlow but the market isn't able to benefit."

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

DESTINY, a dapple-grey shire horse, was given a place of honour when relatives and friends gathered to say farewell to Malcolm Horsnell, of Canons Gate.

When Mr Horsnell, a bachelor and master farrier, gave up his blacksmith's trade in The Forge, in London Road, Sawbridgeworth, a few years ago, Dessie – as she is affectionately known – was found a new home in Pets Corner.

But she was still his great friend and this week at Parndon Wood Crematorium,



Dessie led the hearse carrying Mr Horsnell's coffin.

ERA ENDS WITH OFFICE CLOSURE

AN era ends tomorrow with

the closure of the New Towns Commission office at Gate House.

The commission is the successor to the Development Corporation, which in its heyday employed hundreds. Now only about 20 people are employed by the commission locally and they are all being made redundant or retiring.

STREET STAR MEETS HIS FANS

CORONATION Street star William Roache delighted shoppers in the Harvey Centre on Saturday when he visited the Granada TV Rental showrooms.

The actor, who plays Ken Barlow in the television series, met and signed autographs for hundreds of fans of all ages.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Have any of our correspondents' recollections jogged your memory?

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- Do you remember the creation of Harlow's first weather-proof shopping mall when Little Walk was covered in?

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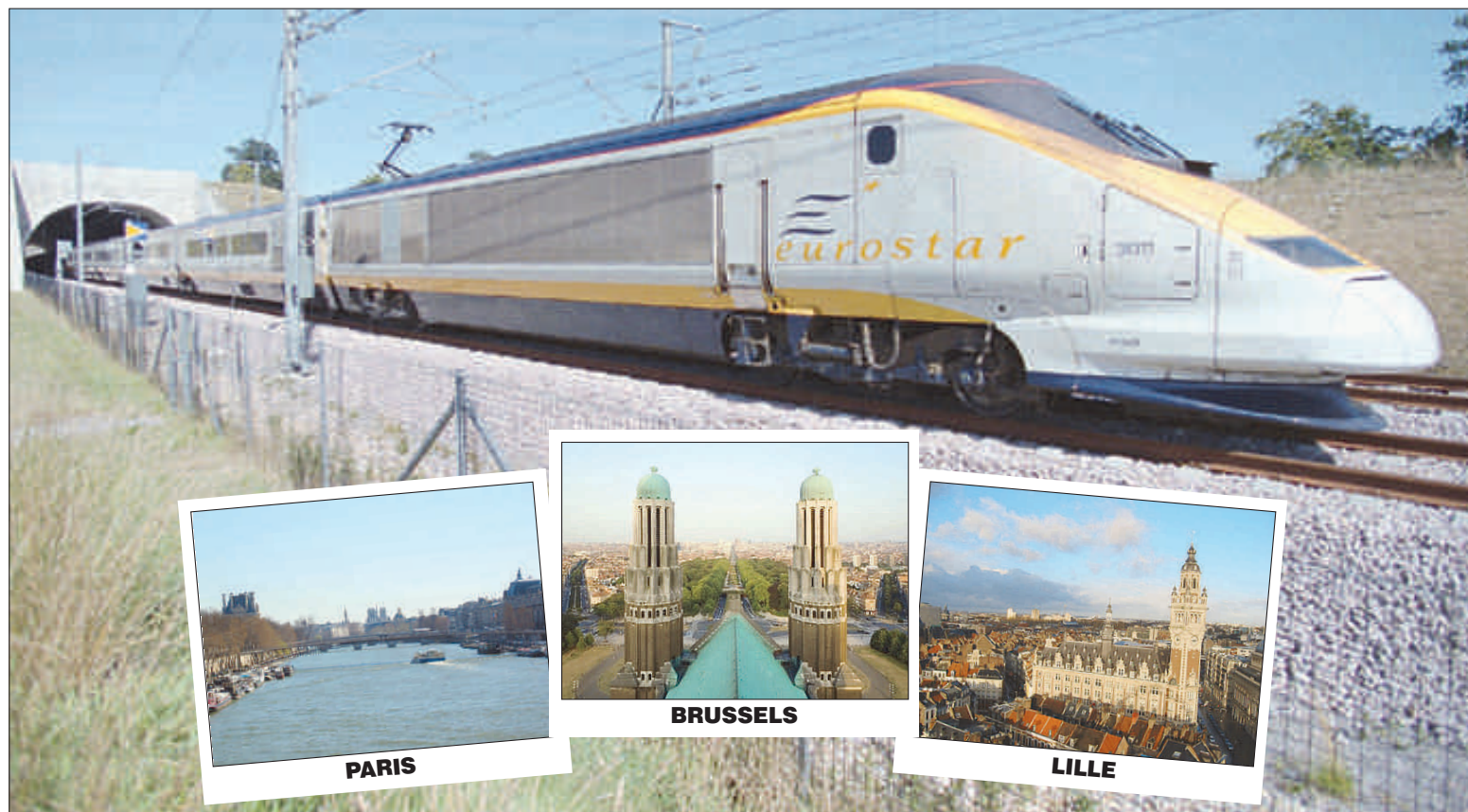
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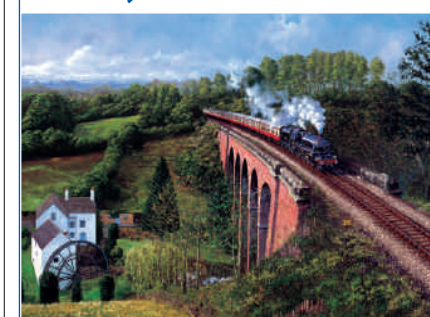
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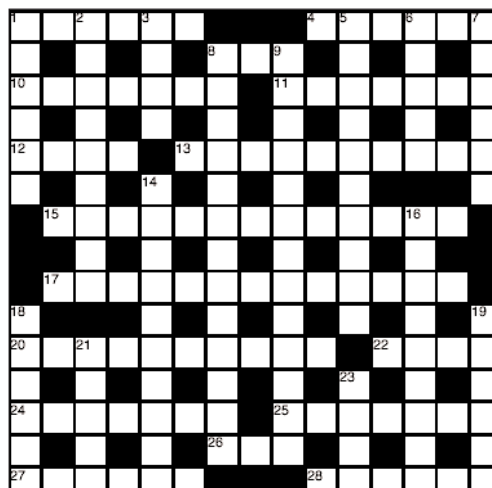
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Try to stop or take ball from another player (6)
4. Interjection expressing derision or merriment (3-3)
8. Striking face of a steam hammer (3)
10. Fairground roundabout (7)
11. In transit, along the way (2,5)
12. Sloping floor that joins two surfaces on different levels (4)
13. Small pad for holding metal fasteners (10)
15. Yorkshire town northeast of Harrogate (13)
17. Person who purports to give sympathy but merely adds to the distress (4,9)
20. Embellished vocal passages (10)
22. Bun filled with cream or custard (4)
24. Industrial town on



the Manchester Ship Canal south of Widnes (7)
25. Rib supporting and strengthening an insect's wing (7)
26. Band's engagement for one performance

only (3)
27. Split in a church (6)
28. Smear or rubbed blot (6)

DOWN

1. Frustrate or cross the path of another (6)
2. Satin-twilled woollen

fabric with chequered or brocaded design (9)
3. Not inclined to exert oneself (4)
5. Exhibition centre in London (5,5)
6. Voluptuously alluring woman (5)
7. Stage direction instructing more than one person to leave the stage (6)
8. 1996 film based on an Irvine Welsh novel and starring Ewan McGregor (13)
9. Gift made as a gesture towards reconciliation (5,8)
14. Rank and file in a country or political party (5-5)
16. Tall slender racing dog (9)
18. Son of Daedalus who drowned in the Aegean Sea after his wings melted (6)
19. The Faerie -----, allegorical romance by Edmund Spenser (6)
21. Kill by mob action (5)
23. Shortening of an informal word for Birmingham (4)

SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Tackle; 4 Tee-hee; 8 Tupp; 10 Walzler; 11 En route; 12 Ramp; 13 Pincushion; 15

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For sudoku answers turn to page 34

the guide



BACK TO SCHOOL

Girls of St Trinian's hope to show they are still a class act

cinema - page 22

Artwork is unveiled to the sound of Harlow's music

A SLICE of Latin American artistic talent came to Harlow in a new and free exhibition and was greeted with the sound of the New Town.

The Gibberd Gallery, in the Civic Centre, is hosting a

show of selected works by Brazilian artist Ana Maria Pacheco.

At last Thursday's launch, guests were not only welcomed with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie but were further warmed by

the soothing sounds of Harlow's de Merc choir.

While admiring Pacheco's prints, etchings and woodcarvings, the audience enjoyed the choir's performance of Adrian Jolliffe's work *Harlow 1947*,

written to celebrate the town's golden jubilee 10 years ago and newly reprised for the 60th anniversary this year.

Organiser and Friend of Harlow Sculpture Collection Jenny Lushington said: "The

chorus of voices breaks out into a repeated fanfare 'New town, new town', with a joyous welcoming of family and friends to a brave and great new world."

The free exhibition runs until January 5.

arts diary

MUSIC: To celebrate his 60th birthday, Harlow cornet player John Gillespie has hired St John's Arts and Recreation Centre, off Market Street, Old Harlow, on January 6 at 7.30pm and wants as many of his former brass band members with whom he may have lost touch over the years to come along and have a celebratory blow with him. For more information, call 07798 894408.

DRAMA: It will be the best Christmas ever, thanks to Harlow Theatre Company and its production of the brilliant Charles Dickens festive favourite *A Christmas Carol*. Tightwad Ebenezer Scrooge (Steve Foster) is given a ghostly kick up the backside to discover the true meaning of Christmas. The show continues tonight (Thursday) until Saturday at 7.30pm, with a matinee on Saturday at 3pm. Tickets cost £7.50 (£6 concs) from (01279) 420062.

DANCE: Pointes and pirouettes can be perfected when Harlow Ballet School high kicks off its winter course next Thursday. Dancers of all ages and experience can take daily classes in different styles such as jazz, ballet and musical stage. The classes start at 9.30am daily until Monday. Prices and further information can be obtained by calling (01279) 639170.

ART: For art lovers running out of time for that perfect gift then look no further than Parndon Mill Gallery's Present Arts which runs until Sunday. The work of local craftspeople and artists is free to browse and at a price can be purchased. Call (01279) 426042 for more information.

CAROLS: To get in the festive mood, why not join the choir and band of St John's School on Christmas Eve at 4pm for carols on Epping Green. Chestnuts and a hot toddy will keep you warm and carollers are invited to bring a lantern for that touch of winter magic.

REVIEW

DICK WHITTINGTON

The Playhouse, Harlow

WELL slap my thigh and call me an ugly sister; if it isn't a full year since the last riotously enjoyable Playhouse panto!

And although Saturday's matinee was only the third performance in the month-long run, it was as full of sparkle and kitsch warmth as Liberace's Christmas grotto.

Who needs fading soap stars, talentless reality TV wannabes or The Chuckle Brothers to make a pantomime a huge attraction for miles around?

Not The Playhouse, that's for sure, as it still continues to reign supreme as the biggest amateur panto in the country and, without doubt, one of the finest.

The skills of writer and director Michael Fentiman – joined this year by Marina Calderone – have again proved to be priceless.

The story of Dick (Faye Linden, definitely a woman by the way) and his cat Tom (elastic-limbed Angela Brand) trying to save some plucky Londoners from the evil clutches of King Rat (Jason Thorpe), and taking in an island of cannibals near the African coast no less, is full of mirth and mayhem.

Throw in cockney bakers, pirates, a horde of terrifying rodents and to that add a spoonful of Ali G, The Jam, George Harrison and MC Hammer, a pinch of double entendres, a sprinkle of talented kids, a few ounces of cross-dressing and the post-modern madness pie is almost complete.

The perfect comic timing – mostly flatulence-based – and slapstick of buffoons Bish and Bash (the perennially brilliant Lee Pace and Dan James) was again the highlight for all, with the added treat of a female goon this year in the shape of



LOVE IS IN THE AIR: Alice Fitzwarren (Sophie Barker) and Dick (Faye Linden) in the panto DICK WHITTINGTON (photo: V4JV9RNY/12)

Bosh, a silent Harpo Marx tribute from Jo Goddard.

And while a raft of smutty puns aren't exactly Chekhov, there's something deeply unifying and spiritual about Harlow's panto;

perhaps it's my four-year-old son laughing like a drain; maybe it's the ghosts of our own childhood lurking in the gods; who can say?

But when the last needles have fallen off the Christmas tree and the

moths have started gnawing at the festive pullover, the post-festive doldrums are always lifted knowing it's only another 11 months to go until the next Playhouse panto!

Jim Tanfield

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR: Alice Fitzwarren (Sophie Barker) and Dick (Faye Linden) in the panto DICK WHITTINGTON (photo: V4JV9RNY/12)

"The pantomime really is a celebration of everything that is good about Harlow" HARLOW STAR

Harlow Playhouse Harlow Council TEN-17

Back to school for girls who want to have fun

ST TRINIAN'S

certificate 12A, running time 1h40m

A PREDICTABLY smutty update of the obscenely dated St Trinian's franchise, this largely pointless remake is sadly overplayed, over-hyped and camper than a pouting Kenneth Williams in sheer bodystocking.

Pinning its hopes for box-office success on the cameo appearances of Girls Aloud as seductive schoolgirls and the inevitable casting of irritating bouffant berk Russell Brand as Flash Harry, this is nudge-nudge wink-wink comedy well past its sell-by date.

Dusting off the blueprints of the early '70s great British sex comedy, directors Barnaby Thompson and Oliver Parker have succeeded in making a film almost as pathetically puerile as 1992's ill-fated *Carry On Columbus*.

For those of you planning to follow the plotline (don't kid yourself), the story focuses on the sexploits of a group of sultry schoolgirls attending the titular school for "young ladies". Embracing the institution's anarchic doctrine of free expression and self-discipline, the girls spend their days getting up to mischief, cavorting around in (and out of) their stockings and suspenders and getting straight-laced education minister Colin Firth all hot under the collar.

But with the school teetering on the edge of bankruptcy and their cushy existence under threat, head girl Kelly (Gemma Arterton) comes up with a plan to steal the Vermeer masterpiece, *Girl With A Pearl Earring*, from the National Gallery.

With a little help from a style coach played by Mischa Barton, the posh tottie cheat their way to the final of a school quiz programme hosted at the gallery by Stephen Fry (who really should know better).

While the girls keep everyone distracted striving to win the grand final, their classmates team up to attempt the ambitious heist and save the school.

Don't be fooled by Rupert Everett's pathetically contrived excuse for this turgid nonsense somehow being an indictment of our current education system – this is little more than a sorrowfully sexist peep show for the dirty mac brigade.

ANYONE FOR HOCKEY?

Head girl Kelly (Gemma Arterton), right, and friend get ready for sports mayhem in ST TRINIAN'S (S)



Squeak, rattle and roll with rodent rock

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS

certificate PG, running time 1h30m

THE much-loved 1980s cartoon gets a CG makeover in time for Christmas, but this knockabout family comedy suffers from focusing too heavily on its depressingly dull human stars while unforgivably sidelining our lovable furry friends.

Three singing chipmunk brothers, Alvin (the mischievous, tearaway leader), Simon (the scientific genius), and Theodore (the camp fat one) are happily living their lives in the forest storing nuts for the winter when their tree is cut down and carried off into the city to be adorned with tinsel and baubles.

Forced to find a new home, they stumble across unsuccessful songwriter and general layabout Dave Seville (*My Name Is Earl* star Jason Lee).

Realising his new guests are able to talk and sing in irritatingly high-pitched voices, Dave decides to turn the chipmunks into a chart-topping act, Simon Cowell-style, to showcase his rubbish songs.

Although the little terrors' egos soon get the better of them and they proceed to make their host's life a misery, when an evil record company mogul (David Cross) tries to take the threesome off his hands, Dave must strive to save his young charges from imminent showbiz meltdown.

If you enjoy well-known songs on fast forward, then you'll love this CG caper. If you don't, I wouldn't bother.

sound check with Chris Moss

BORN six years ago in rock's no-man's-land – somewhere "between Tesco, Stortford and a bedsit" – snarling, shoe-gazing misfits Spiral Soul have clearly sold their souls to the devil and forgot to get a receipt.

With the feral, Gallagher-esque sneer of frontman Keiren Mitchell complemented by buzzsaw guitars, brooding melodies and ominous keys, favourable comparisons with Kasabian are inevitable but not unwelcome.

Yet by eschewing (for the most part) the processed beats and electronic bleeps of the indie royalty, the band's raw sound is more

akin to the jagged, hypnotic drone-rock of early Black Rebel Motorcycle Club – all ripped jeans, greased leather and dark alleyways – only with more swagger and a real attitude problem.

Already well-known on the local live circuit thanks to sell-out gigs at The Square and Hertford Marquee, the five-piece are hoping to release their debut album sometime in the new year on Harlow-based DIY label Shedio Records.

When it happens, *Sound Check* expects every self-respecting music fan to do their duty and get their greasy mitts on a copy, sharpish ...



Band: Spiral Soul
From: Somewhere in deepest, darkest Essex
Who they?: Keiren Mitchell (vocals/guitar); Dan Moriarty (guitar/backing vocals); Adam Smith (bass); Stacy Plant (drums); Andy Haring (keys/guitar/backing vocals)
Sounds like: Liam Gallagher sipping vintage champagne with Kasabian while watching Brando tear it up in *The Wild One*
Website: www.myspace.com/spiralsoul

gig guide

TONIGHT

CROWN, Market Street, Old Harlow – Ash

CHEQUERS, Market Street, Old Harlow – The Elvis Show

FRIDAY

CROWN, Market Street, Old Harlow – Bazza

SATURDAY

BURNT MILL SNOOKER AND SOCIAL CLUB, Edinburgh Way, Harlow – The Brothers duo

PURPLE EMPEROR, Momples Road, Harlow – Melissa Bell

COCK, Cock Green, Harlow – Bob & Doug
WILLOW BEAUTY, Hodings Rd, Harlow – Cry Wolf

CHEQUERS, Market Street, Old Harlow – The Sweetest Thing

CD reviews by Louise Sassoon,

FAIRYTALE OF NEW YORK

The Pogues feat. Kirsty MacColl (single, Warner)

It may be one of the best festive hits of all time – yes, almost as good as The Waitresses' *Christmas Wrapping* – but surely the novelty is beginning to wear off now? I make it four re-releases at least since it first came out in 1987 and, as lovely and poignant as it is, someone is making a lot of money on the back of MacColl's tragic and untimely death. Time to move on.

CRANK THAT

Soulja Boy (single, Interscope)

The song that spawned an internet dance craze gets its UK release, although if this is your idea of a mental parrrrrrrr choon you're going to have a dull Christmas. Minimal beats irritatingly layered with a lazy chorus line repeated ad nauseum in Soulja's soulless Southern drawl doth not a Christmas hit make.

BALLOONS

Foals (single, Transgressive)

If there was any justice in this world, as a wise man named

also showing

ENCHANTED. A fairytale princess from the past is thrust into present-day New York by an evil queen and falls for a handsome lawyer.

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (3D). Tim Burton's masterful animation gets a new lease of life in 3D. Halloweentown king Jack Skellington decides to steal Christmas from Santa but doesn't quite grasp the concept.

BEE MOVIE. A bee discovers humans actually eat the fruits of his labours and decides to sue. Bonkers animated comedy scripted by stand-up legend Jerry Seinfeld.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS. In a parallel universe, young Lyra Belacqua (the fantastic Dakota Blue Richards) journeys to the far North to save her best friend and other kidnapped children from terrible experiments carried out by a mysterious organisation in this sumptuous adaptation of Philip Pullman's bestselling fantasy novel.

MR MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM. Molly Mahoney inherits Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium from its 243 year-old proprietor but finds something sinister afoot.

FRED CLAUS. When Fred Claus (Vince Vaughn) falls on hard times he is forced to turn to his saintly sibling for help. But is he cut out for a job in Santa's workshop?

SANTA CLAUSE 3 – THE ESCAPE CLAUSE. Santa, aka Scott Calvin, is faced with a double dilemma: how to keep his family happy, and to stop Jack Frost from ruining Christmas.

GROUNDED. A group of unaccompanied minors bond while snowed in at an airport during the Christmas period, ultimately creating a makeshift holiday for themselves.

THE SIMPSONS. Homer unintentionally wreaks environmental disaster on Springfield and has to win back his family and friends.

NATIVITY STORY. Family drama focusing on the familiar Biblical story as Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem for Jesus' birth.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Battle of giants in the era of gods

BEOWULF & GRENDEL
(Starz Home Entertainment, 15, retail)

Amid all the legitimate anticipation and excitement generated by Robert Zemeckis' eye-popping 3-D computer-generated fantasy *Beowulf*, this more modest film has been somewhat barged aside. Which is a real shame, because it fully deserves to find its audience and works also as a fascinating bookend to the more lavishly funded version. Whereas Zemeckis pulled out all the fantasy stops to deliver an impossibly muscular hero Beowulf pitched against the shambling, gigantic monstrosity of the troll Grendel, plus shape-shifting spirits and one of cinema's best ever dragons, director Sturla Gunnarsson and writer Andrew Rai Berzins took the ancient story and chose to retell it along lines as realistic as possible.

For starters, he shot it in Iceland and utilises that country's landscapes to stunning, surreal effect, from the bleak wind-torn grasslands and brooding mountains to the startling primal blues of the ice fields and glaciers. It not difficult to imagine such a story taking place in this place. Gerard Butler, *pictured right*, is spot-on casting as Beowulf, the warrior who comes with his men to help deliver King Hrothgar (Stellan Skarsgard) and his subjects from the wrath of Grendel. He brings a blunt physicality and a dour matter-of-fact humour to the part, both of which suit the heroic mould in which the character is cast without once tumbling into a Conan-esque meat brain cliché.

But it's with Grendel that Gunnarsson pulls off the strongest gambit of his retelling. In this world, trolls are not supernatural creatures but larger, stronger and more durable cousins of man. Think of the frost giants depicted in the work of fantasy artist Frank Frazetta and you're getting close.

In many ways, it's really Grendel's film, opening with him as a child witnessing the cruel murder of his father at the hands of an ambitious Hrothgar, only to return a hulking adult years later hellbent on repaying the sin a hundredfold.

But it's not all angst in the ice. Having created a convincing world of bone-chilling cold and shadows, the film more than delivers the goods when it comes to its action set-pieces and there's a fierce energy in the swordplay that further adds to the realism. Special mention is deserved by Hilmar Örn Hilmarsson for providing an exceptional, haunting music score, and by Nick Dudman for his outstanding creature effects. Extra features on this disc include the featurette *Wrath Of The Gods – The Story Behind Beowulf & Grendel*, deleted scenes, storyboard comparisons, a costumes and sketch gallery, trailer and insightful interviews with Gunnarsson, producer Paul Stephens, Rai Berzins, Butler and Skarsgard.

Star rating: ★★★★★

NIGHT MAIL
(BFI, E, retail)

As you'd expect from the BFI, this classic 1936 documentary is given a release befitting its historical importance and national status as a beloved cinematic treasure. Made by the GPO's own films unit, it simply tells the story of the mail train's nightly journey from Euston to Glasgow.



But it's got so much more to offer besides. This must have been a pretty groundbreaking documentary in its day, using the rhythm of the train to tell its story with some beautifully assembled montages of the countryside racing past, the thundering pistons of the great locomotive hammering through the night, the fireman pitching coal as if the devil himself was driving. It's a style that bears comparison with the quick editing montages of Eisenstein and gives this short film an undeniable power.

It's further augmented with the inclusion of Benjamin Britten's fine score and WH Auden's delightful poem *Night Mail*, its quick wit rattled out in time to the train's motion as it speeds through the night: "This is the Night Mail crossing the border, Bringing the cheque and the postal order, Letters for the rich, letters for the poor, The shop at the corner and the girl next door ..."

More than just a compelling and lyrical piece of film-making, *Night Mail* also serves as an invaluable piece of history, a snapshot of a country long since torn up and thrown away by grey little men in Whitehall who value the instant voter-friendly advantages of reckless urbanisation far beyond the reality of the country to which they pay such affectionate, faithless lip service.

In this world, town and countryside are clearly delineated instead of decaying at the edges with a rot of industrial estates, fast food franchises and out-of-town superstores, and farmers can set their watches by the passing train.

As much a statement of confidence by the country in itself, *Night Mail* is one to be savoured.

Beautifully presented in a book-style box and including a hugely informative booklet, the disc also includes the documentary shorts *The Way To The Sea* (1936), *Spotlight On The Night Mail* (1948), *Thirty Million Letters* (1963) and *Night Mail 2* (1986), an updated version of the original featuring poetry by Blake Morrison.

Star rating: ★★★★★

THE SIMPSONS MOVIE
(20th Century Fox, PG, retail & rental)

Any project spending a decade in gestation leaves itself open to impossibly high expectations but the good news for Simpsons fans is that this first big screen outing really delivers.

When Homer's selfishness results in Springfield becoming the most toxic place in the US, the town is sealed off behind a dome and left to fend for itself. With his fellow citizens and family alike baying for his blood, he has to set off to find a way to put things right.

The film doesn't go for big belly-laughs (although the spider-pig sequences do the trick nicely) so much as it ensures a constant chuckle with a ready supply of sharp visual humour and one-liners.

If there's any complaint it's that Lisa is given nothing much to do beyond the obvious falling-in-love story arc while far too many of the beloved citizens of Springfield have to settle for brief walk-ons. But on the whole this does the job just fine.

Star rating: ★★★★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★ good ★★ fair ★ don't bother

Ben Wilkinson and Chris Moss

Lemar once sang, then indescribably brilliant math-rockers Foals would be all over our ailing airwaves and bedroom walls like a pleasant rash. Their latest single – and first to be taken from next year's album *Antidotes* – is all deliciously geometric punk-funk paranoia in a tight shirt. Stylish, precise and damn sexy.

CHANGE
Sugababes (single, Island)

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SOME KINDA RUSH
Booty Luv (single, Hed Kandi)

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BBC 2



Later with Jools Holland – The maestro's favourite moments

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R) 75889 **7.00** CBBC: What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) 1128137 **7.24** The Owl 3646792 **7.25** Newsround; Bernard 3645063 **7.30** The Basil Brush Show (R) 7237529 **7.55** The First Snow Of Winter (R) 8114808 **8.30** CBeebies: In The Night Garden (R) 60711 **9.00** Tweenies (R) 4314605 **9.20** Postman Pat 7498402 **9.35** Bob The Builder (R) 4699334 **9.50** The Pingu Show 3627518 **10.00** LazyTown 64150 **10.30** Top Cat (R) 1171112 **10.55** Film: Casper (1995). 79552792 **12.30** Working Lunch 13228 **1.30** Animal Park 94266 **2.00** Olympic Dreams 1546860 **2.45** Living In The Sun (R) 607605 **3.45** Flog It! (R) 3716131 **4.30** Ready, Steady, Cook 2135889 **5.15** Weakest Link 6745266 **6.00** Eggheads (R) 266 **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two 518

ITV1



Coronation Street – Sarah plants the ecstasy tablets at the salon

6.00 GMTV 4601686 **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show 3571179 **10.30** Christmas Cooks 39266 **11.30** The Best Of This Morning 79063 **12.30** Loose Women Christmas Crackers 33082 **1.30** ITV Lunchtime News 81792 **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. The team spruce up a house in Prestwich, Greater Manchester. Terri Dwyer presents. 69605 **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Christmas Show. Judi Dench guests. Last in series. 7421 **3.59** London Weather 6265334 **4.00** Midsomer Murders. A local family's reunion takes a sinister turn when a Christmas cracker riddle warns that two of the clan will die before midnight on Boxing Day. John Nettles and John Hopkins star. (R) 6570 **6.00** London Tonight; Weather 792 **6.30** ITV Evening News; Weather 604

CHANNEL 4



Jamie at Home Christmas Special – The chef prepares a festive feast

6.00 The Hoobs (R) 3117119 **6.25** The Hoobs (R) 4662204 **6.50** The Treacle People (R) 6696889 **7.00** Freshly Squeezed 93150 **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond (R) 5637745 **7.55** Just Shoot Me (R) 4087006 **8.25** Frasier (R) 1579262 **8.55** T4: St Trinian's: T4 Movie Special (R) 7689247 **9.25** T4: Friends (R) 2306686 **9.55** T4: Friends (R) 9544315 **10.25** T4: The Simpsons (R) 1895957 **11.00** T4: MobileAct Unsigned (R) 98605 **12.00** News At Noon 66995 **12.30** Come Dine With Me (R) 80063 **1.00** Supporting Acts (R) 74206315 **1.15** Film: Breakfast At Tiffany's (1961). Romantic comedy drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. 39208605 **3.25** Countdown 1718315 **4.15** Deal Or No Deal: Scrooge V Santa 6448112 **5.00** The Paul O'Grady Show 4976 **6.00** The Simpsons (R) 334 **6.30** Hollyoaks 686

FIVE



Angelo's – Shelley and Alicia form an unlikely bond. Last in series

6.00 Milkshake! (R) 12987518 **9.00** Stargate Atlantis (R) 5715353 **10.00** Everybody Hates Chris (R) 3501605 **10.30** Trisha Goddard (R) 1122957 **11.30** Five News 3335686 **12.00** Home And Away (R) 5625599 **12.30** Cooking The Books (R) 4267605 **1.00** Hanrahan Investigates 5334860 **1.35** Russell Grant's Postcards (R) 67172044 **1.40** Film: The Christmas Shoes (2002). Festive family drama, starring Rob Lowe. 72940150 **3.40** Five News Update 46314421 **3.45** Film: A Carol Christmas (2003). Festive family frolics, starring Tori Spelling. 9376131 **5.30** Five News; Weather 4413792 **6.00** Home And Away 4410605 **6.30** Cooking The Books. Jeremy Edwards hosts the culinary show in which some of Britain's leading chefs offer a masterclass to a mystery celebrity. 4401957

7 PM

7.00 **The ONE Show** Live topical show in which reporters including Dan Snow and Dominic Littlewood uncover the UK's most fascinating stories. 2995 **Junior Mastermind**. Four contestants take part in the grand final, with specialist subjects including Sir Isaac Newton. Last in series. 860

7.00 **Facehooked**. Max Flint investigates Facebook, the social networking website with a userbase of more than 50 million people worldwide. 7727 **7.30 Rick Stein's Food Heroes Christmas Special**. Part two of two. The chef scours Britain looking for the best food to eat at Christmas. 402

7.00 **Emmerdale**. Debbie seems to have an ulterior motive when she comforts an upset Scarlett and Viv emotionally manipulates the villagers into giving money to her charity. 7063 **7.30 Coronation Street**. Rosie blackmails John into booking a night away together. 228

7.00 **Channel 4 News** Including sport and weather. 6686

7.00 **Five News** 4488421 **7.15 Polar Bear Adventures With Nigel Marven**. The zoologist witnesses a flurry of activity in Igloolik as the animals wait for walruses to arrive. Other bears farther south prepare for Hudson Bay to freeze. Concludes on Sunday. 9129179

8 PM

8.00 **EastEnders**. Peter tries to comfort an upset Lauren as she agonises over her discovery. 8315 **8.30 Oliver Twist**. Oliver regains his strength under Nancy's care. She promises to get him to the safety of the Brownlows', risking her own life in the process by betraying Fagin. 2650

8.00 **Gardeners' World Special**. An hour long festive special in which the team offer a tip for each of the 12 days of Christmas. Carol Klein and Joe Swift enjoy a variety of winter walks with a horticultural flavour, and Sarah Raven follows the journey of the British cobnut from harvest to plate. (R) 6286

8.00 **What Happened Next? Tonight** A review of the major stories covered by the series in 2007, revealing what happened after the cameras were turned off. 6711 **8.30 Film: Die Another Day (2002)**. James Bond adventure, with Pierce Brosnan. Continues after the news. 91773

8.00 **A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away**. A couple having difficulties living in France seek the advice of Jonnie Irwin and Jasmine Harman in helping them out of their situation. The property experts are asked to find a leasehold business in Warwickshire or Ireland's Co Mayo. 5334

8.00 **Penguin Adventure With Nigel Marven**. The film-maker travels to the sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia to document king, macaroni and gentoo penguins, along with a variety of other creatures in their natural environment. Last in series. (R) 9253044

9 PM

9.00 **The Green Green Grass**. Bryan welcomes his mail order bride and her family into his life. Last in series. 7044 **9.30 Not Going Out**. Lee wants to spend time alone with Lucy at Christmas, but the unexpected arrival of Tim, Daisy and various peoples' parents threatens his plans. 84889

9.00 **Olympia Horse Show**. Clare Balding presents live coverage of the Accenture Christmas Puissance on the fifth day of the meeting at the Olympia Grand Hall in London. This annual event is one of the highlights of the equestrian calendar. With commentary by Michael Tucker. 6315

9.00 **Jamie At Home Christmas Special**. Jamie Oliver prepares a festive feast with help of Gennaro Contaldo and Brian the gardener. They discuss how to choose the most succulent bird for Christmas dinner and offer advice on making of winter greens by rustling up a delicious flavoured butter. 5570

9.00 **NCIS**. The car of a Navy lieutenant is found covered in blood and it transpires the missing female officer was profiling men to find the perfect partner. Tony is offered a promotion by director Shepard, unbeknown to the other members of the team. 9273808

10 PM

10.00 **BBC News** 557889 **10.25 Regional News; Weather** 602063 **10.35 Friday Night With Jonathan Ross**. Model and I'm a Celebrity contestant Janice Dickinson discusses her experiences in the jungle. With music by Mark Ronson. Last in series. 414228

10.30 **Newsnight** 58976

10.30 **ITV News; Weather** 406334

10.00 **The Friday Night Christmas Project With Girls Aloud**. Presenters Justin Lee Collins and Alan Carr are joined by the girl band for a festive edition of the show, celebrating the best moments of the 2007 series. 7981150

10.00 **Law & Order: Criminal Intent**. The hunt for a missing woman leads Goren and Eames to a political activist's apartment, where they find a host of unusual items, including rat poison – a known bomb-making ingredient. After receiving a chilling video message and questioning a suspect. (R) 9276995

11 PM

11.35 **Film: The Thomas Crown Affair (1999)**. A thrill-seeking millionaire with a taste for cat burglary meets his match in a cunning female insurance investigator. Crime drama, starring Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo. 213957 **1.20 Film: Tales From The Crypt (1972)**. Chilling anthology, with Ralph Richardson; Weatherview 764174 **2.55 Sign Zone: Top Gear**. With F1 prodigy Lewis Hamilton. (R) 1545613 **3.55 Sign Zone: You Can't Fire Me, I'm Famous** (R) 5233803 **4.40 BBC News 24** 2276209

11.00 **Newsnight Review Of The Year**; Weather 852624 **11.55 Later With Jools Holland** 911976 **12.55 Film: Hawk The Slayer (1980)**. An all-powerful sword creates conflict between good and evil brothers. Low-budget fantasy adventure, with John Terry as the duo. 3229416 **2.25 Star Trek: The Next Generation** (R) 2484880 **3.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation**. Picard investigates claims of violence against the Cardassians. (R) 2484483 **3.55 BBC News 24** 5231445

11.05 **Film: Die Another Day (2002)**. Concluded. 699112 **11.35 Tarrant On TV**. Chris Tarrant continues his tongue-in-cheek overview of global television. (R) 262088 **12.05 Make Your Play**. Interactive game show. 51342629 **4.20 Karen Sisco** (R) 4000629 **5.00 CITV: Pocoyo** 4101919 **5.10 Jim Jam & Sunny** (R) 2389071 **5.20 Engie Benjy** 4105735 **5.35 Curious George** (R) 6352218 **5.45 Pocoyo** 9401782 **5.55 ITV Morning News** 5685782

11.05 **Father Ted Christmas Special**. Dougal and Ted get lost in a lingerie department. (R) 508976 **12.15 Fonejacker Christmas Special** 2073648 **12.50 4Music: Album Chart Show: Orson Special** 3516396 **1.20 4Music: Isle Of Wight Festival: Paolo Nutini** 5003716 **1.50 Goalissimo** 2449551 **2.45 World Cup Snowboard**. The latest events of the Snowboard and Freestyle World Cup season. 459006 **4.35 Transworld Sport** (R) 2561464 **5.25 Countdown** (R) 4067396

11.00 **Angelo's**. The owner plans an impressive mural for his cafe, with images of the Queen and David Jason among those suggested for it. Last in series. 3359266 **11.30 Valley Of The Sex Dolls** (R) 3507889 **12.00 Quiz Call**. Interactive game show giving viewers the chance to phone in and answer questions for cash prizes. 27968087 **5.10 Out Of Practice** (R) 66943700 **5.35 Out Of Practice**. Ben decides to fly to Oregon to save his marriage. (R) 17922938

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6.00 The 10th Kingdom **7.00 Futurama** **8.00** Malcolm In The Middle **8.30** Malcolm In The Middle **9.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **10.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **11.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **12.00** Futurama **12.30** Futurama **1.00** Malcolm In The Middle **1.30** Cirque De Celebrite **3.00** When Santas Go Wrong **4.00** Brainiac's Test Tube Baby Christmas Special **5.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **6.00** The Simpsons **6.30** The Simpsons **7.00** The Simpsons **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **9.00** Project Runway **10.00** Kate – The New Diana? **11.00** Robbie Williams At The Royal Albert Hall **12.30** Tenerife Uncovered **1.30** Mutant X **2.25** Mutant X **3.20** Nip/Tuck **4.15** Nip/Tuck **5.10** Guilty! **BBC3** **7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** The All New House Of Tiny Tearaways **9.00** Torchwood **9.45** Torchwood Declassified **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Tittybangbang **11.00** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **11.30** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **12.00** Family Guy **12.25** Family Guy **12.45** The Mighty Boosh **1.10** Tittybangbang

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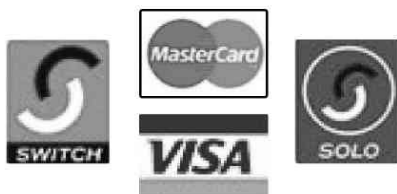
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Your stars with
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Aries Mar 21-Apr 20

Everything can seem a bit more intense because of the Quarter Moon. The trick will be to refuse to turn molehills into mountains. However, Jupiter, the planet of traditional fortune, moves into a new location, where it will be for a year. Any business aspirations can be boosted by this, but diligence and dedication will be essential. Call to hear why you must not burn the candle at both ends....

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

Don't let issues that have been buried away for far too long fester unattended. Part of your nature is the need to cultivate the best possible impression. Sometimes you get so caught up in the external you forget to connect to your own deeper self. Yet this can be a very important week for the power of the word. Yours can impact more than most. Call to hear where opportunities lay...

Taurus Apr 21-May 21

In the next year your world can open out with the help of expansive Jupiter, which moves into your educational and travel sectors. However, opportunities are not going to come to you on a plate, you'll need to apply yourself and that can mean moving outside of your comfort zone. This week can also see tensions creep into a close friendship. Call to hear why social plans can get changed....

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

Friendships, associations, kinship in general can be tremendously important at this time of the year. Many of us spend greater time with people, who ordinarily, would not be companions. But all this socialising could take a bit out of you, and be draining unless you pace yourself. Most of all don't be deflected from your wider aims. Call your Special Prediction Line for more details....

Gemini May 22-Jun 21

Between now and the Spring you could find yourself having to attend to minor external repairs to your property. This can also be a time when family responsibilities bite. If you work from home or spend a lot of time on your own there, you could crave for greater interaction. The good news is that within a year, finances can greatly brighten. Call to hear the magic that Jupiter can bring....

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

After a year's occupation, fortune bringer Jupiter takes its leave from your sign. But don't fret, it simply moves into another sphere of influence, in this case, finances. There's an excellent opportunity for you to feather your nest - especially if you apply yourself. However, progress can be influenced by convention. You may need to conform. Call to hear who you need to impress....

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23

One key relationship can bring genuine magic into your world and not just this week but for the next twelve months. Yet you shouldn't be tardy about your paperwork, or about giving your personal mode of transport a thorough check-over. This may cost some money but could prevent a minor issue becoming something more expansive. Call to hear why love can amaze in 2008....

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

One big hope is within your grasp, but the following needs clarifying: That side of you that can espouse life's more material issues reaches a crossroads. This asks you to define your position. If you truly think money is not important, then stop worrying about it. If you're serious about creating greater wealth, then don't be hung up about it. Call to hear why charities become more important....

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23

The need for belt tightening is not what you want to hear just as your imagination is fired in the hunt for those final Christmas presents. But although Saturn's retrograde may not show itself right away, in the New Year a new fiscal reality really needs to take hold. This can see you become less wasteful and cuter about your basic expenditure. Call to hear why health can improve in 2008

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

Your business acumen can flourish but it will be either by working closely with one person, or in a team that you'll thrive best. On a personal level, you can gain through a relative's generosity and this can be linked to property or a legacy. Few times will offer the chance for you to be as authentically you as now, so seize it with both hands. Call to hear why ingenuity can pay off.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23

If you started out on a new path from the time of your birthday, apart from the odd hiccup, it's been a case of full steam ahead. But now, Saturn, currently in your sign, which is asking you to be more self-disciplined, yanks on the brakes and you may need to become more cautious. Yet Jupiter's move can attract so much goodness in the next year. Call to understand exactly what....

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

Worldly involvements can seem to be based on position, property, cash or status. The reality is that people make the world go around and whatever we aspire to, it's not achievable without connecting with others. If you've grown remote because you've been caught up in an ambition, be aware your relating skills may need to sharpen up Pisces. Call to hear which star signs can be good in 2008....

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Saturday, December 22	BBC 1		BBC 2		ITV1		CHANNEL 4		FIVE	
										
	Strictly Come Dancing – Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host		One Man and His Dog – Sheepdog trials, with presenter Ben Fogle		An Audience with Celine Dion – The diva wows an audience of peers		Deal or No Deal: Scrooge v Santa – Noel Edmonds presents		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit – Marlee Matlin guest stars	
	6.00 Breakfast 4212342 10.00 Saturday Kitchen 18533 11.30 Rachel's Favourite Food 8174 12.00 BBC News; Weather 5490342 12.10 Football Focus 1897700 1.00 Racing From Ascot And Olympia Horse Show. Clare Balding presents live coverage of the 1.05, 1.40 and 2.15 races from Ascot, followed by the FEI World Cup qualifying event at the Olympia Grand Hall in London. 1114025 4.30 Final Score 93629 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 803759 5.50 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly introduce the final of the contest, in which the remaining two couples perform ballroom and Latin routines, hoping to follow in the footsteps of last year's winner Mark Ramprakash and become cha-cha-champions. The result can be seen at 9.25. 8055551		6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 2266223 6.20 Teletubbies (R) 5986939 6.50 64 Zoo Lane (R) 6661193 7.00 CBBC: Dogstar (R) 5423349 7.25 Dennis The Menace (R) 6978434 7.50 Watch My Chops (R) 6752803 8.00 Hider In The House (R) 67193 9.00 TMi; Diddy Dick & Dom (R) 43025 10.30 Stupid (R) 1075984 10.55 The Story Of Tracy Beaker (R) 8324464 11.20 What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) 2795377 11.45 Sportsround 8083754 12.00 Film: The Enemy Below (1957, b/w). World War Two thriller, starring Robert Mitchum. 661919 1.35 Film: Merry Christmas (2005). Premiere. World War One drama, starring Benno Furrmann. 98551280 3.20 The Blue Planet (R) 1725700 4.20 One Man And His Dog 7742396 5.40 What The Papers Say Review 2007 156071 6.20 Dad's Army (R) 686377		6.00 GMTV 4678358 9.25 CITV: Horrid Henry (R) 7388071 9.40 Emu 4650445 9.55 Supernormal 4673396 10.10 My Parents Are Aliens (R) 5684071 10.40 Skyland 2786919 11.15 Film: Tooth (2004). Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring Yasmin Paige. 91110025 12.55 Film: Jack Frost (1998). Fantasy drama, starring Michael Keaton. 52211280 2.35 ITV News And Weather 8289700 2.40 London Today; Weather 8286613 2.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot. (R) 551209 4.45 London Today; Weather 7461735 5.00 ITV News And Weather 1275990 5.20 Film: Peter Pan (2003). Magical fantasy following the adventures of the boy who never grows old as he whisks Wendy Darling and her brothers into Neverland. Starring Jason Isaacs and Jeremy Sumpter. 99680416		6.10 Inuk (R) 4830193 6.25 The Hoobs (R) 8967416 6.50 The Treacle People (R) 6656261 7.00 Goalissimo (R) 51532 8.00 The Morning Line 9619280 8.50 T4: One Tree Hill 6579367 9.50 T4: Friends (R) 9512716 10.20 T4: Golden Compass: T4 Movie Special (R) 5770822 10.50 T4: The Mix Tape 1079700 11.20 T4: MobileAct Unsigned (R) 4947735 12.25 T4: Friends (R) 3523629 12.55 T4: Scissor Sisters: Live At The O2 Arena 3448613 2.00 Channel 4 Racing From Haydock Park, Newcastle And Lingfield Park 93613667 4.05 The Simpsons (R) 6220261 4.35 Film: Christmas Carol: The Movie (2001). Festive animated fun, with the voices of Nicolas Cage and Simon Callow. 1342377 6.00 Deal Or No Deal: Scrooge V Santa 882984 6.50 Channel 4 News 721174		6.00 Sunrise 8042984 7.00 Milkshake!: Hi-5 (R) 4034445 7.35 Hana's Helpline (R) 2570984 7.50 The Beeps 2664377 8.05 Harry And His Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs 5784551 8.25 The Book Of Pooh (R) 8970280 8.55 Roobarb And Custard Too (R) 2412990 9.05 Funky Valley (R) 5255551 9.15 The Adventures Of Bottle Top Bill And His Best Friend Corky (R) 5242087 9.30 Franklin (R) 4223261 10.00 The Gadget Show (R) 5612483 11.00 Football Italiano Highlights 3301629 11.30 Nigel Marven's Alligator Adventure (R) 42588990 12.35 Film: Home For Christmas (1990). Family drama, starring Mickey Rooney. 94029822 2.30 Film: Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus (2004) 27430938 4.10 Film: Firefox (1982) 21234613 6.35 Polar Bear Adventures With Nigel Marven 8904716	
	7 PM 7.15 Oliver Twist. Fagin is arrested and Brownlow realises the extent of Monks' betrayal. Last in series. 297919 7.45 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. New challengers take on last week's winning team. Jenni Falconer introduces the Thunderball, Dream Number and Lotto draws. 540223		7.00 Porridge. Fletch desperately tries to distance himself from an escape plan, convinced it's doomed from the outset. (R) 896087 7.45 TOTP2 Christmas Special. Steve Wright introduces a selection of the greatest Yuletide tunes of all time, including classics by Slade. 62679629		7.15 Britain Sings Christmas. Celebrity carollers, including Gaby Roslin, Claire Goose and Kim Wilde, raise money for The Prince's Trust by performing some of the nation's favourite seasonal songs, which range from traditional hymns to seasonal pop hits. Presented by Kate Thornton. 887731		7.35 The Three Tenors. Another chance to see the legendary performance from Rome during the 1990 football World Cup, which brought Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras and Placido Domingo international stardom. They are accompanied by renowned conductor Zubin Mehta. (R) 12361822		7.20 Five News And Sport 2889071 7.35 NCIS. Gibbs and the team find themselves in deep trouble with the FBI while protecting a veteran naval officer who has caught the attention of an al-Qaida cell. Mark Harmon and Sasha Alexander star. (R) 7896261	
	8 PM 8.35 Casualty. Charlie witnesses a woman being dragged beneath a car in a hit-and-run, discovers Louis may have joined a gang of thugs responsible for beating up a shopping centre Santa and tries to reunite a mother with the newborn baby she abandoned just hours previously. 507342				8.15 Star Traders: The Christmas Challenge. Phillip Schofield hosts this one-off special in which pop star-turned-presenter Myleene Klass and rugby player and reigning Dancing on Ice champion Kyran Bracken take a small item and proceed to 'trade it up' into more outstanding and bigger. 334174				8.30 NCIS. A Marine veteran confesses to the murder of his friend 60 years previously. Gibbs decides to investigate further before taking his word for it, in the hope of saving the elderly Medal of Honour winner from prison. Starring Mark Harmon. (R) 8826193	
	9 PM 9.25 Strictly Come Dancing. After 12 weeks of tears, personal triumphs, the final pair of celebrity hoofers and their professional partners pull out all the stops to dazzle with their show dance before the votes are counted and the Strictly Come Dancing champions are crowned. 409071		9.25 Film: The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy (2005). Premiere. A thoroughly average man is hurled into an intergalactic adventure when the Earth is destroyed to make way for a hyperspace bypass. Sci-fi comedy, starring Martin Freeman, Bill Nighy and Sam Rockwell. 23155416		9.15 An Audience With Celine Dion. Fresh from her five-year residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, the diva wows an audience with some of her greatest hits – including Think Twice, I Drove All Night and My Heart Will Go On, as well as tracks from her new album Taking Chances. 330358		9.25 Film: Changing Lanes (2002). After a minor prang, up-and-coming lawyer Ben Affleck and insurance salesman Samuel L Jackson embark on a campaign of revenge. Edge-of-the-seat thriller, with Toni Collette. 20767803		9.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Grissom is reunited with Lady Heather when the team attempt to discover the identity of a client who tried to murder her. However, matters are complicated when the professional dominatrix refuses to co-operate with the forensic experts. (R) 7094667	
	10 PM 10.10 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update 939396 10.30 Match Of The Day. Highlights of this afternoon's games in the Premier League, including the north London derby between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur at the Emirates Stadium. 4934613				10.15 Parkinson: The Final Show. It's the end of an era as Michael Parkinson presents the last of three special editions bringing his 36 years as a TV chat show host to a close, recalling some of his favourite interviews, including Muhammad Ali, Fred Astaire, Richard Burton and Orson Welles. 7955735				10.25 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Detective Munch becomes personally involved in the prosecution of an embryologist who is accused of assisting a depressed woman in her suicide. Hard-hitting police drama, guest starring Marlee Matlin. 3035087	
	11 PM 11.50 Film: Spy Hard (1996). Espionage spoof, starring Leslie Nielsen. 951006 1.05 Friday Night With Jonathan Ross; (R) Weatherview 9950965 2.10 Sign Zone: Holby City. The shootings push everyone to breaking point. (R) 6488588 3.10 Sign Zone: The 800 Million Pound Railway Station (R) 64316656 3.40 Sign Zone: The 800 Million Pound Railway Station (R) 35366120 4.10 Sign Zone: The 800 Million Pound Railway Station (R) 31199472 4.40 BBC News 24 2163781		11.05 Film: The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (2004). Premiere. An eccentric undersea expert sets out in search of a shark that killed an old friend and crew-mate. Whimsical comedy drama, starring Bill Murray and Owen Wilson. 116087 1.00 Comedy Connections. (R) 9032946 1.40 Film: Holiday (1938, b/w). A carefree financier preparing for marriage finds a kindred spirit in his fiancée's rebellious sister. Comedy, with Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn. 9967255 3.10 BBC News 24 9187976		11.20 ITV News; Weather 628551 11.30 Tarrant On TV (R) 25483 12.00 Make Your Play 51230830 4.10 The Jules And Lulu Show (R) 71726149 4.30 The Jules And Lulu Show (R) 63007 5.00 CITV: Pocoyo. The lively youngster puts on a talent show. (R) 4098491 5.10 Jim Jam & Sunny. The pair have fun getting dressed. (R) 2356743 5.20 Engie Benjy (R) 4009507 5.35 Curious George (R) 9106930 5.45 Pocoyo. The lively youngster reminisces. (R) 3706994 5.55 ITV Morning News 9980994		11.20 The Friday Night Christmas Project With Girls Aloud (R) 235445 12.25 4Music: The Feeling: Video Exclusive 3499675 12.30 4Music: Keane: Live At The O2 Arena 82781 1.30 Film: Second Best (1994). Touching drama, starring William Hurt. 868217 3.20 King Of The Hill. Hank sets up a fundraising softball match. 56352743 3.45 Extreme Archaeology (R) 875168 4.45 Headland (R) 2454120 5.35 Inuk (R) 7536217 5.50 The Treacle People (R) 6156615		11.25 Criminal Minds. Reid worries about crossing professional boundaries when he gets involved with an actress whose stalker has turned into a murderer. (R) 6373396 12.25 Quiz Call 53861014 5.10 Out Of Practice. Stewart's relationship with Crystal becomes public knowledge. (R) 90248912 5.35 Out Of Practice. Regina and Oliver encourage Ben to socialise by setting him up with a series of blind dates, while Lydia discovers her dog likes Stewart more than her. (R) 17819410	

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Sunday, December 23	BBC 1	BBC 2	ITV1	CHANNEL 4	FIVE
					
	Liverpool Nativity – Jennifer Ellison stars in the Christmas re-enactment 6.00 Breakfast 43851472 7.55 Match Of The Day 2839472 9.15 Christmas Voices 223781 10.15 Film: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988). Live action-cartoon whodunit, starring Bob Hoskins. 19237656 11.50 Film: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985). Fantasy adventure. Dudley Moore stars. 52265168 1.35 BBC News 20804101 1.45 EastEnders 34582168 3.40 Charles Dickens And The Invention Of Christmas 2607052 4.40 Cranford. Miss Matty receives devastating news. Last in series. (R) 2578762 5.40 Songs Of Praise. Diane Louise Jordan presents a candlelit carol service from Hereford Cathedral, featuring the story of the first Christmas told by Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers. 185205 6.15 After You've Gone. Jimmy and Diana try to enjoy a traditional family Christmas 429762	James May: My Sisters' Top Toys – Toys through the decades 6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 6561435 6.20 Teletubbies (R) 8730651 6.50 64 Zoo Lane (R) 6565965 7.00 CBBC: Jakers! (R) 9651878 7.20 Arthur's Perfect Christmas (R) 5033410 8.15 ChuckleVision (R) 6571472 8.30 SMarT (R) 73033 9.30 Hedz (R) 50007 10.00 How We Built Britain (R) 16491 11.00 Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 36255 12.00 Celebrity MasterChef (R) 80965 12.30 Celebrity MasterChef (R) 50043 1.00 Film: Heaven Knows, Mr Allison (1957). Wartime romance, starring Robert Mitchum. 14007453 2.45 Heston Blumenthal's Perfect Christmas Dinner (R) 598507 3.45 An Otter In The Family. Conclusion. A trip to the vet brings bad news. 703217 4.15 Film: The Great Escape (1963). POW drama, starring Steve McQueen. 48721304	Heartbeat – Tragedy strikes as Joe prepares to leave for London 6.00 GMTV 4565830 9.25 CITV: Art Attack (R) 2288236 9.50 Finger Tips (R) 4578897 10.05 Planet Sketch (R) 4050304 10.15 The Championship 432217 10.45 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966). Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. 51190421 12.30 ITV News And Weather 29203781 12.35 London Today; Weather 29202052 12.40 Film: Curly Sue (1991). Family comedy, starring James Belushi. 99684385 2.30 Film: Miracle On 34th Street (1994). Festive fantasy, starring Richard Attenborough, Elizabeth Perkins, Mara Wilson and Dylan McDermott. 93197014 4.35 Film: Catwoman (2004). Premiere. Comic-book adventure, starring Halle Berry. 97237507 6.30 London Tonight; Weather 663217 6.45 ITV News And Weather 686168	Scrapheap Challenge – Robert Llewellyn and Lisa Rogers present 6.00 Wilde Stories: The Nightingale And The Rose (R) 6245753 6.25 Transworld Sport 7008033 7.20 Freesports On 4 2877025 7.50 World Cup Skiing 2075965 8.45 T4: The OC (R) 226878 9.45 T4: Hollyoaks 30405859 12.15 T4: MobileAct Unsigned: The Live Final 504168 1.15 T4: The Feeling: Video Exclusive (R) 13629830 1.25 T4: Friends (R) 66095217 1.55 Film: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004). Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Kenny. 76491410 3.30 T4: The Simpsons (R) 120 4.00 T4: The Simpsons (R) 255 4.30 Film: Sky Captain And The World Of Tomorrow (2004). Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, starring Jude Law. 97236878 6.25 Scrapheap Challenge. The second of the year's roadshows. Last in series. 1326930	Hannah Montana – Miley and Lilly go out fundraising 6.00 Milkshake!: The Milkshake! Show (R) 26332304 6.25 My First (R) 21289439 6.30 Thomas & Friends 24093743 6.40 Angels Of Jarm (R) 24022255 6.50 Hi-5 (R) 1601946 7.25 Hana's Helpline (R) 1765743 7.40 The Beeps 2577897 7.55 Film: Mist: The Tale Of A Sheepdog Puppy (2006) 52510526 9.30 Milkshake! Franklin (R) 4127033 10.00 Hannah Montana 3472149 10.30 Hannah Montana 5598491 11.00 St Martin-in-the-Fields 7606120 11.45 Film: Columbo: Mind Over Mayhem (1974). Detective drama, with Peter Falk. 13349014 1.20 Five News Update 49862859 1.30 Football Italiano 71086168 4.20 Killer Whale Attack (R) 54709859 5.25 Film: The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992). Spirited children's comedy, with Michael Caine. 46758236 6.55 Five News And Sport 2306052
	7 PM 7.00 A Question Of Sport. Sue Barker hosts a festive edition of the quick-fire quiz, with Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell heading the teams of celebrities whose stamina is tested in six rounds of sporting teasers and puzzles. 589007 7.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 881946	7.00 James May: My Sisters' Top Toys. The Top Gear presenter tries to understand the appeal of certain toys, and seeks to prove that they can be as effective a social barometer as any history book. 7912	7.00 Emmerdale. Gray's plot to exact revenge on the King family continues as he sends their computers a virus, and Perdy's mind is elsewhere as she agrees to visit Matthew in prison. 7675 7.30 Coronation Street. Maria is horrified by a callous remark made by Carla at Liz's hen night. 526	7.30 Channel 4 News 168	7.10 Film: Uptown Girls (2003). Premiere. Frothy comedy, starring Brittany Murphy as the daughter of a deceased rock star, who has been able to live comfortably off her inheritance without having to lift a finger – until her accountant makes off with every penny. 69237323
	8 PM 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Michael Aspel and the team pay a return visit to Rochester Cathedral, where they uncover an early piece of TV equipment and toast the festive season with Napoleon's drinking glass. 8878	8.00 Top Gear. In the last programme of the series, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May take the new BMW M3, Mercedes C63 AMG and Audi RS4 down to Spain for a thorough test of performance. David Tennant swaps the Tardis for the Reasonably Priced Car. 9120	8.00 Heartbeat. Joe prepares to leave for London, but is secretly regretting the decision. However, with the arrival of his replacement PC Wetherby, it seems it's too late for him to change his mind. Then tragedy strikes when a conflict between an angry father and stepfather turns to violence. 3946	8.00 Film: The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003). Courageous hero Allan Quatermain teams up with a host of other famed characters – including Captain Nemo, the Invisible Man, Tom Sawyer and Dr Jekyll – to put a stop to the nefarious Fantom's evil plot to bring about a World War. 5304	
	9 PM 9.00 Monarchy: The Royal Family At Work. The Queen's children discuss their roles and reveal that while they are all working together to support their mother, they each have their own way of handling engagements. Prince Charles also discusses his philosophy on royal life in the light of media. 8014	9.00 Richard Hammond Meets Evel Knievel. A few weeks ago, Evel Knievel died. Here, Top Gear presenter Richard Hammond realises a childhood ambition when he comes face to face with the American motorcycle stunt legend, whose daredevil feats made him a household name in the 1970s. 6656	9.00 Film: Vanity Fair (2004). Premiere. A woman from humble surroundings vows to become a success, and soon manages to claw her way up the social ladder. Period comedy drama, starring Reese Witherspoon, Romola Garai, James Purefoy, Rhys Ifans and Bob Hoskins. 39331255		9.00 Film: Mona Lisa Smile (2003). Premiere. A conservative 1950s girls' school receives an unconventional addition to its teaching staff in the form of free-spirited bohemian art historian Katherine Ann Watson (Julia Roberts). Drama, starring Kirsten Dunst and Maggie Gyllenhaal. 79827762
	10 PM 10.00 BBC News; Weather 168168 10.15 Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy. The comedienne interviews popular funnymen. Last in series. 400743 10.45 Liverpool Nativity. The team responsible for the Manchester Passion presents the story of the first Christmas. 3033507	10.00 Have I Got Old News For You. Guest presenter Jeremy Clarkson hosts the satirical current affairs quiz, with guest panellists Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Michael McIntyre. (R) 81694 10.30 Match Of The Day 2. Adrian Chiles reviews the day's Premier League action. 94526		10.00 The Big Fat Anniversary Quiz. Jimmy Carr hosts the annual entertainment quiz as celebrities including Frank Skinner and Carol Vorderman battle it out to see who remembers most about the past 25 years of Channel 4. Other guests in clude Ricky Gervais, Quentin Tarantino and Vic Reeves. (R) 12729946	
	11 PM 11.50 Film: Win A Date With Tad Hamilton! (2004); Weatherview 838439 1.25 Sign Zone: Oliver Twist (R) 3895057 2.25 Sign Zone: Oliver Twist (R) 3019927 2.55 Sign Zone: Oliver Twist (R) 7077386 3.25 Sign Zone: Oliver Twist (R) 56326328 3.55 Sign Zone: Oliver Twist. Timothy Spall plays Fagin in this adaptation of the Dickens classic. (R) 35339076 4.25 Sign Zone: Mumbai Uncovered. Mohini Sule travels to the city 18 million people, and Bollywood, call home. (R) 31162328 4.55 BBC News 24 4353250	11.30 Film: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring the late Evel Knievel. 196830 1.15 TOTP2 Christmas Special. Steve Wright introduces a selection of the greatest Yuletide tunes of all time, including classics by Slade, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl, Roy Wood, Mud, Aled Jones, Elton John, the Wombles, Jona Lewie, Paul McCartney and John Lennon, plus more recent seasonal offerings by Destiny's Child, the Darkness and Natalie Cole. (R) 384076 2.55 BBC News 24 724863	11.35 ITV News; Weather 906323 11.45 The Way We Worshipped Christmas Past (R) 275410 12.50 Faith And Music (R) 9077144 1.45 Cannonball 8000 2315540 2.40 Quincy ME (R) 5728434 3.30 ITV Nightscreen 95106 5.00 CITV: Pocoyo (R) 4065163 5.10 Jim Jam & Sunny (R) 2323415 5.20 Engie Benjy (R) 4076279 5.35 Curious George (R) 3401142 5.45 Pocoyo. Pato thinks he looks silly without his hat. (R) 7001106 5.55 ITV Morning News 3285106	12.05 Film: The King (2005). Premiere. Gripping drama about a young man who travels to Texas to track down his estranged father, but plans revenge when he is rejected. 833786 2.05 The Curse Of The Ice Mummy (R) 6472927 3.05 Animal Addicts. Pet lovers with an obsessive passion for animals. (R) 3851540 4.05 Extreme Archaeology (R) 5141892 5.05 Headland (R) 4419366 5.50 Wilde Stories: The Selfish Giant (R) 9423298	11.15 Film: Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights (2002). Premiere. Adult animation, with the voice of Adam Sandler. 8306762 12.35 Natural Born Racers. 9067724 1.05 NFL Live. San Francisco 49ers v Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Kick-off 1.15am). 76288366 4.45 Motorsport Mundial. 24787724 5.10 Out Of Practice. Oliver breaches professional confidentiality. (R) 24543124 5.35 Out Of Practice. Ben sets Lydia up with a widower. (R) 17886182

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6.00 Hour Of Of Power **7.00** Futurama **7.30** Futurama **8.00** Malcolm In The Middle **9.00** Jingle Bells **10.00** A Very Barry Christmas **11.00** When Santas Go Wrong **12.00** WWE: Experience **1.00** Malcolm In The Middle **1.30** Cirque De Celebrite **3.00** Film: The Librarian: Return To King Solomon's Mines (2006). **4.45** Brainiac: Science Abuse **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Noel's Christmas Presents **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Are You Smarter's Top 10 Moments **9.00** Film: The Full Monty (1997). **10.40** Bones **11.40** Nothing But The Truth **12.40** The Real Mile High **1.40** Mutant X **2.35** Mutant X **3.25** Nip/Tuck **5.20** Guilty!
BBC3
7.00 Don't Tell The Bride **8.00** Anthea Turner: Perfect Christmas **9.00** The Most Annoying People Of The Year 2007 **11.30** The Mighty Boosh **12.00** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **12.30** Two Pints Of Lager Out-Takes **1.00** The Most Annoying People Of The Year 2007 **3.30** The Mighty Boosh **4.00** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **4.25** Two Pints Of Lager Out-Takes **4.55** Close
BBC4
7.00 The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas

Nickleby **8.00** Two Fat Ladies Christmas **8.30** Nigella's Christmas Kitchen **9.00** Stuffed: The Great British Christmas Dinner **10.00** Fear Of Fanny **11.20** Trade Secrets **11.30** A Tudor Feast At Christmas **12.30** Stuffed: The Great British Christmas Dinner **1.30** More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy **2.00** Charlie Brooker's Screenwipe **3.00** Flight Of The Conchords **3.55** More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy
ITV2
9.25 Fred Claus: UK Premiere Special **9.50** Film: Ice Age (2002). **11.20** Emmerdale **2.10** Creature Comforts **2.25** Britain Sings Christmas **3.35** Coronation Street **6.00** Xtra Factor: Best And Worst 2007 **10.00** Coronation Street **10.30** Film: The Fast And The Furious (2001). **12.35** Xtra Factor: The Winner's Story **1.35** Teleshopping **4.35** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
6.00 Savage Planet **6.30** Abraham Lincoln **7.30** Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime **8.35** Film: Fiddler On The Roof (1971) **12.05** Film: A Simple Wish (1997) **1.45** The Two Ronnies **2.45** Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime **3.55** Inspector Morse **6.00** Russell Watson – The Voice **7.00** The Two Ronnies **8.00** An Audience With Ronnie Corbett **9.00**



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Best Of Talk **10.00** Film: If Only (1998) **11.55** The Big Easy **12.55** Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime **2.00** McCloud **3.40** Emmerdale
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12.30 Police, Camera, Action! **1.00** 3rd Rock From The Sun **1.30** Police Stop! **2.30** The Sweeney **3.30** Minder **4.30** Movies Now **4.40** Breaking The Magician's Code **7.30** Police, Camera, Action! **8.00** Jericho **9.00** Minder **10.00** Film: Fright Night Part II (1989) **12.05** Police, Camera, Action! **12.35** Inked **1.05**

Criss Angel: Mindfreak **1.35** Video Justice **2.00** Dinner For Five **2.25** Dinner For Five **3.10** LAPD: Life On The Beat **3.30** LAPD: Life On The Beat **3.55** ITV4 Nightscreen
4.00 Teleshopping
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6.00 Anything Goes **8.00** Guitar Heroes: Our Showbiz Mates Special **9.00** E4 Music's Christmas Party **12.00** The 100 Greatest Christmas Moments **4.00** Friends **5.00** Ghost Whisperer **6.00** Miss Match **7.00** Friends **8.00** Ugly Betty **9.00** Film: How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days (2003) A journalist tries to show how women deter partners – little realising her 'guinea pig' has a hidden agenda. Romantic comedy, starring Kate Hudson. **11.10** The Friday Night Christmas Project With Girls Aloud **12.20** Fonejacker Christmas Special **12.50** The Chris Isaak Show **2.45** MobileAct Unsigned: The Live Final **3.45** Miss Match **4.25** Switched
MORE4
9.00 Scrapheap Challenge **12.20** Location, Location, Location **2.30** Come Dine With Me **5.10** Come Dine With Me At Christmas **6.20** A River Cottage Christmas Feast **7.25** Jamie At Home Christmas Special **8.30** Jamie At Home – Feathered Game **9.00** Father Ted Christmas Special **10.15** The Smallest

People in the World **11.15** Studio 60 On The Sunset Strip **12.15** Curb Your Enthusiasm **12.50** Film: The Good Thief (2003) **2.55** Location, Location, Location. Finding a west London flat. **3.55** Close
UKTV GOLD
6.00 Close Up **6.10** Close Up **6.20** Robbie The Reindeer In Hooves Of Fire **7.00** Robbie The Reindeer In Legend Of The Lost Tribe **7.40** My Hero **8.20** One Foot In The Grave **9.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **9.40** Open All Hours **10.20** Doctor Who **11.20** Film: Carry On Doctor (1967). Bawdy hospital comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. **1.10** The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook **2.30** Only Fools And Horses **3.10** TV's Greatest Christmas Moments **5.10** Film: Carry On Doctor (1967). Sid James and Kenneth Williams star in this bawdy hospital romp, in which patients revolt against the strait-laced staff. **7.00** Only Fools And Horses **8.20** The Vicar Of Dibley **9.00** Fawlty Towers **9.40** Fawlty Towers **10.20** Fawlty Towers **11.00** The Catherine Tate Show **11.40** Only Fools And Horses **1.00** Fawlty Towers **1.40** Fawlty Towers **2.15** Fawlty Towers **2.50** As Time Goes By **3.20** 2point4 Children **3.50** My Hero **4.20** One Foot In The Grave **4.50** Close Up **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **5.30** Open All Hours

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No. 713 of 2007 RE: **IAN DAVID NOLAN** sales rep, residing at 36 Ladywell Prospect, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 9PT, and lately residing at Flat 30, Western Beach Apartments, Hanover Avenue, London E16 1DX
— on 1 November 2007

No. 733 of 2007 RE: **NEIL ROBERT CHRISTIE** a Gardener of 242 Arkwrights, Harlow, CM20 3NE and carrying on business as NEIL ROBERT CHRISTIE of 242 Arkwrights, Harlow, CM20 3NE and lately carrying on business as NEIL ROBERT CHRISTIE of 321 Cartersmead, Harlow
— on 7 November 2007

No. 483 of 2007 RE: **TERRY ALAN ARCHER** Taxi Driver of 120 the Chantry, Harlow, Essex, CM20 2NA lately residing at 16 Byrds Farm Lane, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 2DH
— on 21 November 2007

No. 764 of 2007 RE: **AMY BRIDGET DA CONCEICAO** a Data Input Clerk residing at 33 Hadley Grange, Church Langley, Harlow CM17 9PQ and lately of 61 Hadley Grange CM17 9PQ and 251 Moorfield and 297 Longbanks, Harlow

No. 765 of 2007 RE: **MARCO TOMAS FERNANDES DA CONCEICAO** a Driver at 33 Hadley Grange, Church Langley, Harlow, Essex CM17 9PQ and lately of 61 Hadley Grange, CM17 9PQ and 251 Moorfield, Harlow and 297 Longbanks, Harlow
— on 26 November 2007

No. 769 of 2007 RE: **DEBORAH LOUISE FALCO**, a Housewife residing at 82 Whieldon Grange, Church Langley, Harlow, Essex CM17 9WG and lately of 11 The Chase, Newhall, Harlow, Essex CM17 9JA
— on 29 November 2007

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

No. 9772 of 2007 RE: **DAVID HUNTER** currently a Chauffeur of 25 Ayletts Field, Harlow, Essex, CM18 7LW
— on 8 November 2007

IN LIQUIDATION

A Winding-up Order has been made in the undermentioned Court against the following:

BRISTOL DISTRICT REGISTRY

No. 1608 of 2007 RE: **ST. GEORGE INTERIORS LIMITED** On 21 November 2007 a winding-up order was made against ST. GEORGE INTERIORS LIMITED, the registered office was at Equity House, 4-6 Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex.
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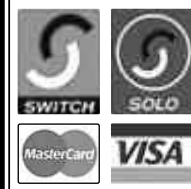
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Premier sides close gap at top

OLD Street closed the gap on Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League premier division leaders Alemite Athletic with a 3-2 defeat of Sheering.

P. Smith and D. Ward struck for the hosts, whose tally was boosted by an own goal.

Second-placed North Weald beat White Roding 3-1. Frank Major (2) and James Brown struck for the home team.

Division one leaders Salvation Army (Harlow) were held to a 1-1 draw by mid-table Albury. Ben Ford struck for the table-topping hosts.

Other results:- prem div: Loughton 3, Potter Street res 0; Quendon Ath 9, Hatfield Heath 1; Pelly House 5, Birchanger 1.

Div one: Frontiers 0, Langley Rangers 8 (James Cutler 3, Kieran Kerengokce 3, Glen Ealie, John Cochran); Hatfield Heath res 4, Avondale Rangers 2; Heath Rovers 3, Frontiers 3; Potter Street A 6 (Mark Munger, Tommy Ivory 3, Tommy Mercer 2), Lower Street 0; Thorley Park 1, North Weald res 3.

Essex Junior Trophy, 3rd rnd: Sheering res 2, Ashton Villa 1 (aet).

Harlow & District League, prem div: Parndon Royals 3, Maypole Ath 3; Old Tn Ath 2, Risden Wd 3.

Div one: Pollard 2, New Tn Rangers 3; Unique 3, Maypole Ath res 3; Risden Wd res 1, Lindsey St 3.

Div two: Eastwick Lions 1, Atletico UG 4; Parkside 3, Rouge Lyon res 0.

Div three: UG Utd 4, Latton Orient 2; Matching Utd 5, Maypole Sports 2; Maiden 2, Risden Wd A 1.

Div four: FC Flare 6, Sewardstone Rovers 3; Abbey Albion 2, Broadley Common 2.

Div five: Stewards Spartans 0, Epping Ath 7; Brookside Ath res 0, Eppaldo 7.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22

Football

Ryman League, prem div: Harlow Tn v Leyton.

Essex Senior League: Sawbridgeworth Tn v Beaumont Ath.

Capital Counties Feeder League Trophy, 3rd rnd: Bovington v Epping.

LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League, snr div one: Leytonstone Utd v Potter Street, Leigh Ramblers v Roydon.

Footprints Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, prem div: Alemite Ath v Debden res, Hatfield Heath v White Roding, Sheering v Pelly House.

Div one: Albury v Lower St, Avondale Rangers v Thaxted Rangers res, Heath Rovers v Thorley Park, Langley Rangers v Sheering res.

BOXING DAY

Ryman League, prem div: Billericay Tn v Harlow Tn.

Essex Senior League: Enfield 1893 v Sawbridgeworth Tn.

Hot stuff from Kiln seals Secretary's Cup victory

KILN RANGERS defeated Waltham Abbey 3-2 in the *Harlow Star* Youth Community League Secretary's Cup.

On target for the hosts were Ben, Spires and Gregory Glynn (2).

In the other group D tie, Ali King was among the scorers as FC PARINGDON U-10's triumphed 2-1 at home to HARLOW TOWN COLTS.

Double strikes from Frankie Branch and Lewis Chalk helped WARE FC U-11's to a 5-0 victory at MARK HALL.

Darren Brook, returning after a five-week spell out injured, got the other goal for the visitors.

RISDEN WOOD U-9's proved just a bit too strong for hosts HARLOW TOWN REDS.

Strikes from Harrison Saldiray and a brace from Alfie Shipwright, including one from the penalty spot, gave Risden a 3-1 win. Luke Holman got the Reds' consolation.

MARK HALL U-9's stormed back from last week's 7-1 defeat against LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS to beat the same team 1-0 this time around!

Alfie Collins and Nathan Stokes defended well for the visitors to keep Langley at bay, while Magnus Koskocan shone in midfield.

Owen Goddard got the only goal, slipping past the home defence and cleverly side-footing the ball past the Stallions keeper.

At the other end Mitchell Youngs made two outstanding saves for Mark Hall.

LANGLEY COLTS MUSTANGS U-9's won 4-1 at Stansted Juniors. Finding the net were Owen Morrison (2), Sami Khawaja and Mitchell Aves.

Goals from Alfie Babb and and Aaron Cochrane were not enough for HARLOW TOWN WHITES U-8's who lost 3-2 at Elsenham U-8's.

Other results, U-12s – Epping Yth 5, Bishop's Stortford 1; Langley Colts Trojans 4, Connaught Rangers 0; Mark Hall Yth 9, Waltham Abbey 0; Marquis Sports 0, Langley Colts Mustangs 0; Saturn 6, Harlow Tn 2.

U-11s – Langley Colts Stallions 5, Harlow Tn Colts 0; Langley Colts Trojans 8, Apex Yth 1; Risden Wd 0, Epping Yth 13; Waltham Abbey 10, Harlow Tn Reds 1.

U-10s gold division – Abbey Yth 2, Mark Hall Yth 3; Epping Yth B 1, Epping Youth A 5.

U-10s silver division – Epping Yth C 0, Harlow Tn Reds 4.

U-9s – Elsenham Yth 3, Saturn 1; Epping Yth 1, Langley Colts Trojans 0; Harlow Tn Reds 1, Risden Wd 3; Harlow Tn White 2, Waltham Abbey 5.

U-7s/U-8s – Harlow Tn U-7 Whites 0, Harlow Tn U-7 Reds 2; Newhall Rangers U-8 0, Mark Hall Yth U-8 5; Risden Wd U-7B 0, Langley Colts U-8 Stallions 5; Saturn U-8 0, Risden Wd U-8 2.

Epping's extra-time effort

EPPING put their indifferent league form behind them to beat 10-man Stansted reserves 4-1 away after extra-time in the Essex Premier Cup third round.

Saturday's bruising affair saw the hosts have a player sent off after 80 minutes when he raised his hands at Epping's Mark McKenzie.

McKenzie and teammate Lee Ford were among those who were booked for bad fouls.

Epping also went down to 10 in extra-time when left-back Tommy Brinkman limped off on 110 minutes after being fouled. The Stonards Hill men were 2-1 up at that stage.

Stansted went ahead on 15 minutes when Billy White fired in from a free-kick just outside the box.

The visitors equalised on 65 minutes. Substitute Leven Okan converted a penalty awarded after McKenzie was fouled in the box.

After Stansted went down to 10, their keeper pulled off a string of saves before the match went into extra-time.

Epping went ahead for the first time on 105 minutes when substitute Tony Whiteway fired in from 18 yards.

After Brinkman went off, sub Chris Muir slotting the ball in on 115 minutes, putting Epping 3-1 up.

McKenzie wrapped up the scoring three minutes later.

Meanwhile, Essex Olympian League senior division one leaders POTTER STREET kept their 10-point advantage with a 5-0 home win over Sandon Royals.

An under-strength Street side went ahead after 20 minutes through Michael Kennedy.

The returning Chris Groves scored shortly after when he latched on to a long clearance from Street goalkeeper Adam Dalbski.

Groves doubled his tally just before half-time when he finished well after a delightful through ball from Kennedy.

The goal of the game came on 67 minutes. Rob Hamilton beat two players before unleashing a ferocious 35-yard drive which flew past the helpless Sandon goalkeeper.

Kennedy finished the scoring late on with a neat close-range shot.

Kirby's men are Star struck!

THE Hawks first team squad put a halt to training when the town's favourite newspaper – the *Harlow Star* – arrived at Barrows Farm.

Ryan Kirby's men are looking for a winning formula in their Ryman premier division campaign.

Perhaps they should take our lead and try a sweeper – as we've swept aside all the opposition!



Hawks lack cutting edge in Swifts loss

INSPIRATION in front of goal was missing as the Hawks slipped to a narrow defeat in this Essex derby at Heybridge Swifts.

Harlow created chances on Saturday but could not take them and paid the penalty with the hosts taking the spoils from an opportunist Stafford Browne strike.

Danny Hill made his first

Heybridge Swifts 1, Harlow Town 0 (Ryman League, premier division)

start since returning from a knee injury, while new Harlow signing Scott Curley came on as a late substitute. There was enough time for the former East Thurrock United midfielder to be booked for a foul on Heybridge's Ryan Hull!

Earlier, Heybridge's Mark Reddaway and Gary Burrell both fired wide.

In between, a neat 14th minute Harlow move ended with Kenny Davis firing wide of a post.

A good Harlow chance came and went on 27 minutes. James Bunn touched Leon Lalite's pass into the path of Dean Williams, whose disappointing shot went straight to Heybridge keeper Richard McKinney.

The game's sole goal came on the half-hour mark. Hawks custodian James Hasell came out of his area to dispossess Reddaway and his

clearance – while off balance – went loose.

Browne took a touch and executed a wonderful lob over the retreating Hawks keeper and into the net.

Eight minutes later, Williams forced McKinney to make a low save.

Harlow created more chances after the break and Lalite nodded straight at McKinney on 49 minutes and the Swifts stopper also kept out a shot from Bunn on 64 minutes.

The Hawks could not

make their superiority count and the frustration of player-boss Ryan Kirby got the better of him as he was booked after tangling with Burrell near the end.

Kirby said: "The attitude and commitment from the team were excellent but we could not get behind them. Their goal was an excellent strike."

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis (Curley 85), Taylor, Hollenbach, Kirby, Miles, Lalite, Hill (S. Gliddon 67), Bunn, Lee, Williams. Subs not used: M. Gliddon, Green, Dumoulin (gk).

Maur the merrier as boss looks to shake-up

ROBINS boss Richard Branchflower wants to bring in new blood after witnessing his side being beaten by fellow strugglers Mauritius Sports & Pennant.

Saturday's defeat at Aveley Football Club saw the Robins slip to third from bottom with Mauritius leapfrogging them.

Branchflower did not name anybody who he may bring in, but he said: "I want an out and out striker and a centre-half who can roll his sleeves up and keep going when it gets tough."

Sawbo were without midfielders Adam Sontag (personal reasons) and

Mauritius Sports & Pennant 2, Sawbridgeworth Tn 1 (Essex Senior League)

Matt Hayter (thigh injury), plus suspended striker Greg Hughes.

Branchflower explained: "We were under strength but there were no excuses. We were terrible."

"There was no commitment and the only ones I would not criticise were Andros Demosthenos and Dan Crook. You can carry one or two but not nine players."

Early action saw Sawbridgeworth's Dan Hudson fire wide and at the other end, Dan Mathieu blasted over

while Chris Papillon's header went wide.

The visitors had a goal ruled out on the half-hour mark. From a corner, Ashley Conlan fired in after Kevin Moore's shot had been parried by the home keeper Papre-Ndiaye Diagne but the referee's assistant ruled that a player was offside in the build-up to this.

The deadlock was broken on 40 minutes when Allan Browne's cross was converted by Abdul Hussain.

Sawbridgeworth equalised on 49 minutes, with Hudson pouncing to finish from a corner.

The Robins then missed chances to

go ahead. Moore had a close-range header well saved and Hudson twice fired wide when well placed.

Demosthenos pulled off the save of the match when he clawed the ball from under the feet of Stephen Opoka as he tried to dribble round him, but he could not prevent the 80th-minute winner by Opoka.

Opoka was released and charged forward before firing into the far corner, giving stopper Demosthenos no chance.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TN: Demosthenos, Bulled, Coggin (Smith 81) Day, Crook, Baker, Ellis, Hudson, Conlan, Moore, Childs (Simmons 64).

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Ladies suffer fourth defeat

Colchester 4, Harlow Ladies 0
(Essex Women's League, premier division)

THE poor form of Harlow Ladies continued on Saturday as Colchester resoundingly took the points.

It was doubly disappointing for Liezel Hansson's side as they had crushed Colchester 5-1 at the beginning of the season.

Harlow were boosted by the return of keeper Nicky Chesworth, who has missed the last six weeks.

However, they were without clinical forward Carolyn Rushton.

The first half played out to a battle in mid-field, with Bethan Price providing a great chance for forward Emma Tweddle but she blasted wide.

Deb Johnson put Babsie Steenekamp through for a one-on-one with the keeper, but the Harlow player failed to break the deadlock.

Harlow were stung when Colchester took the lead on the stroke of half-time. The ball bobbed up in the circle and as Johnson tried to control it away from goal, a short corner was awarded and from this Colchester converted.

The second half saw Harlow under increased pressure as they failed to provide the defence with any respite.

Anita Shearman-Slack and Jo Green both made crucial tackles to stop certain goals before Colchester doubled their score on 55 minutes. A slick one-two move by the forwards allowed them space to beat Chesworth.

When Colchester scored two more goals late on, it gave the scoreline a rather flattering look.

The result moved Colchester up to 6th, just one place behind Harlow.

HARLOW LADIES: Chesworth, Shearman-Slack, Rowley, Jo Green, Price, Hansson, Amos, Johnson, Tweddle, Steenekamp, Hawes, Donaghey (squad).

Depleted men's team trail in last place

THE men's team were hit by a number of absentees as Harlow lost more ground in the third fixture of the Cross Country League series.

Bishop's Stortford hosted the penultimate event and their men's team injected some competition into the event by winning this section.

Harlow's men finished last.

Rick Ricketts was first Harlow runner to cross the line. He was 8th for the third successive race, finishing in a time of 31 mins, 24 secs.

Other point scorers were John Tennant (16th), John Evans (17th), David Ayling (28th), Grahame Thomas (31st), Jon Steadman (36th) and Roy Steven (41st).

Harlow lie third overall with one race to go. This will be at Newport on January 13.

Ware Joggers sealed the women's title after winning a third consecutive stage. Harlow were third, narrowly behind Stortford.

Harlow's Jenny Spelling enjoyed a strong race, finishing in fourth only yards ahead of team-mate Dionne Jones (5th).

Vicky Steadman, in 10th, completed the scoring.

Moot House shatter leaders' winning run

GPCA Servopoint's run of nine straight wins was halted by Moot House Arrows when they battled out an exciting 4-4 draw.

Hosts Moot went 3-1 in front at the halfway stage after a 152 out shot from Moot's Damian Green.

Servo turned it round to go into the last game 4-3 up, but Moot won the last game.

White Admiral beat CC Foxes 7-1, cutting Servo's lead at the top to seven points.

James Jennings hit 180 for Servopoint.

Elsewhere, Swift Half's lost out 2-6 to CC Whites. Half's James Mays hit a 180.

UG Social were beaten 3-5 at home to Colt Hatch, while Young Pretenders had a big 7-1 win against the other Moot House team, including a 100 shot out from Pretenders' Kieran Leal.

Upper Clapton boss Elmer quits club

UPPER Clapton are looking for a new coach after Danny Elmer quit. Elmer (42), who was in his fifth season as coach, has had mixed fortunes.

The club received a reprieve from relegation last season when the RFU reorganised all the leagues.

Clapton were also deducted 10 points for fielding an under-age player under a different name last term.

However, this current season has started better for the Thornwood Common-based team who are 7th with three wins and five defeats.

Elmer told *Star Sport*: "I felt that I had run my time with the team and felt it was time to move on as head coach but wish the club well for the

Bancroft 45, Upper Clapton 10
(Essex division one)

rest of the season."

Elmer's departure follows the exit of his assistant Marcus Tobin, who is due to take charge of the London & South East development rugby league teams, while he is set to coach Storm, a South London-based rugby league team.

Elmer had been with the Uplands Road team for almost 30 years.

Club secretary David Miller said: "It's a great disappointment. We hope to have a new coach in place for the New Year."

Clapton were up against it in their 45-10 defeat at Bancroft on Saturday after conceding a try in the 5th

minute from a quickly taken penalty. The hosts scored three more first-half tries and two were converted putting Bancroft 24-0 up at the break.

The hosts scored three more tries on 50, 55 and 78 minutes and all were converted.

Clapton showed resistance, scoring twice on 45 and 60 minutes. Joe Sweeney touched down after good work from Joe Philps in chasing up a kick ahead, before Lee Garwood set up Adam Ayres to drive over.

Clapton are back in action on January 5 at home to East London.

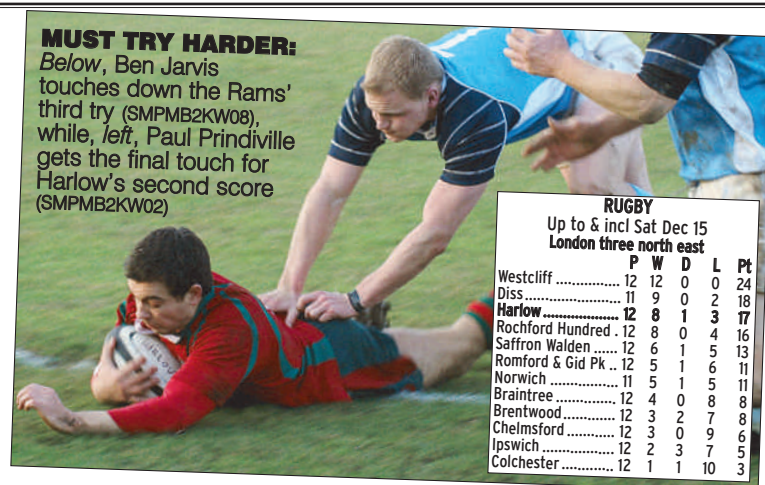
UPPER CLAPTON: Day (T. Philps 65), Smith, Sweeney, Joe Philps, Roberts, Jake Philps, Garwood, Allen, Ayres, Johnston, Peermamode (Linsdall 40), Procel, Baldwin (Kemp 45), Peattie, Jones.



MOVING ON: Danny Elmer



Photos by Steve Weemes



MUST TRY HARDER: Below, Ben Jarvis touches down the Rams' third try (SMPMB2KW08), while, left, Paul Prindiville gets the final touch for Harlow's second score (SMPMB2KW02)

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Revenge for Rams

Harlow 25, Saffron Walden 19
(London & South East League, division three north east)

By **DAVID RIMMER**
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THE Rams were not at their fluent best but exacted revenge for their defeat last month to Saffron Walden.

A platform for Saturday's home victory came from a strong scrummaging display by the Rams pack and slick line-out work in the first period, leading to two tries.

Harlow's line-out suffered after Lee Claridge went off with concussion on 43 minutes, although his replacement Paul Eynon was dynamic in the loose.

The win moved Matt

Davies' side to third, ahead of Rochford Hundred who lost to league leaders Westcliff.

Playing down the slope, Walden went ahead on three minutes through a Tom Hughes penalty.

The visitors increased their lead six minutes later. Possession from a Walden

scrum set up a move culminating in Graham Mummery passing to David Philp, who ran in for an overlap try. Hughes missed the conversion.

Harlow replied on 14 minutes with a rolling maul from a line-out going forward 15m before the ball was spun out



NICK NACK: Skipper Nick Ford slots over a kick against Saffron Walden (SMPMB2KW06)

and Josh Bohl set up Sean Banks, who shrugged off three markers to score an unconverted try in the corner.

Hughes increased Walden's lead through a penalty before a strong Rams' rolling maul ensured Paul Prindiville went over for a 21st-minute try. Ford again missed the conversion attempt.

However, Walden struck again three minutes later. The hosts tried to run the ball out of defence but Steve Muggridge won the ball, setting up Tony Misa to power over for an unconverted try.

Undeterred, Harlow went ahead for the first time just before the half-hour mark. A strong forwards' platform pinned Walden back and Ben Jarvis darted over to score a try – converted by Nick Ford – putting Harlow 17-16 ahead.

Just before the break Walden prop Glen Peck was sin-binned for a loose play offence. Ford missed

the subsequent penalty.

Down to 14 Walden did well to deny the Rams as both sides kicked a penalty apiece.

Rams stretched their lead on 65 minutes. A delightful backs' move ended with Ben Jarvis's long pass finding substitute winger Will Grimley on the overlap, and he sprinted away to score an unconverted try in the corner.

Walden could have scored near the end but the home defence held firm.

Rams coach Davies said: "I was pleased with the commitment and we were good in the rucks."

"We were up for it and tackled well. We could have been more clinical and we were a bit disjointed between the backs and forwards."

HARLOW: Bohl (McFerran 70), Banks, Jarvis, Stanley, Vanbeck (Grimley 58), Ford, Harron, Brown, Wilkins, Prindiville, Ephgrave, Snow, Romaine, Claridge (Eynon 43), Morgan.

Basketball team end 2007 on a winning note

HARLOW Hawks rounded off 2007 in style with a big win at home to Kings Lynn Ironwolf on Saturday to keep their East Region League unbeaten record intact as they head into the Christmas break.

Once again due to work commitments and injury, Hawks had to call on some of their Herts League players, with Lee Jones, Zaf Niaz and youngster Tom McBride winning promotions.

Hawks started well with a number of easy scores for Paul Jessop, Dan Scott and Jones.

Jones and Scott looked sharp and helped the hosts open up a double-digit lead as the Hawks led 23-18 at the end of the first quarter.

Harlow Hawks 105, Kings Lynn Ironwolf 71
(East Region League)

A 10-0 run by Hawks in response to Ironwolf reducing the lead, ensured that they were 46-33 ahead at half-time.

Three-pointers from Jessop and Shab Niaz pushed the Hawks' lead to 20 points in the third quarter.

The teams then traded baskets for a few minutes before a 17-5 run by Hawks in the last three minutes of the quarter gave them a commanding lead, with Scott the main contributor as Harlow finished the quarter leading 76-47.

Shab Niaz hit back-to-back three-pointers at the start of the final quarter before a mini run by Ironwolf was halted with a couple of Jessop scores.

A number of fast breaks helped the home team over the century barrier.

Player-coach Shab Niaz said: "It was a great team performance, especially from the guys that stepped in for this fixture."

"Hopefully after the break we can get back to full strength, as we will need everyone for the crucial fixtures ahead."

HARLOW HAWKS: Scott (37 pts), Jessop (31), S. Niaz (24), Z. Niaz (5), Jones (4), Overland (2), Francis (2), McBride.

Shelford too strong

A POOR first half played a strong part in Harlow U-15's losing 34-14 at Shelford.

Shelford scored an early try to put the Junior Rams on the back foot and three more tries were scored by the hosts in the first half. Two were converted and the Cambridgeshire side led 24-0 at the break.

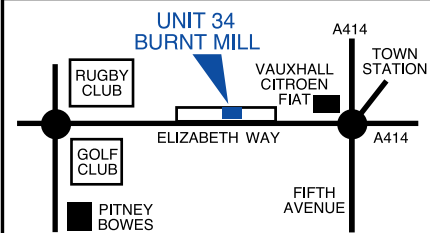
Harlow improved after the break and were awarded a penalty try, which Denzil Crafton slotted over.

Shelford, who had not conceded any points in their previous six games, struck back with two unconverted tries.

However, good recycling and rucking from the Rams ended with Terry Doyle going over for a try. Crafton kicked the conversion.

HARLOW U-15 squad: Battern, Blackman, Brigensaw, Clark, Crafton, Cunningham, Doyle, Dunn, Foster, Flynn, Goodchild, Judge, McGlone, Mortimer, Newton-Rea, Norris, Pedder, Preater, Raven, Ryde, Walsh.

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Barrows Farm hosts mighty Reds

LIVERPOOL reserves team boss Gary Ablett took time out from a special training session at Harlow Town Football Club to lift the lid on life at Anfield.

As the Reds prepared for a friendly against Tottenham Hotspur reserves at Leyton Orient FC, Ablett told *Star Sport* how much he rates Anfield boss Rafa Benitez.

Liverpool, who asked Harlow if they could use the pristine surface, beat Spurs 2-1 later that day. The side are set to play West Ham reserves in a friendly today.

Speaking the day after Benitez held talks with the club's American owners, Ablett said: "I believe the talks were very positive and will be of benefit to the club. Rafael is the right man at the helm."

It was the club's first visit to Harlow.

Former Liverpool, Everton and Birmingham City defender Ablett said: "We did not know what to expect but the pitch was a pleasant surprise. It was well kept and we had good hospitality."

"We have a month off [from the Pontins League] and we want to keep the lads ticking over. We have some very good players."

Simon Morgan, the club's vice-chairman, said: "It's a great honour for the club and for Harlow for a club like Liverpool to recognise us and use the facilities."

Morgan hopes more pro teams from the North and Midlands will use the club's facilities in the future.

Harlow did not charge the Reds but received a signed Liverpool shirt and ball.

Morgan said: "We will probably raffle them at a future function."



RED ARMY:

Liverpool reserves boss Gary Ablett, pictured in the red jacket, gives instructions to his young players at Harlow Town FC on Monday

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Lucky seven for Hawks

Player-boss eyes Christmas points haul as defender is ruled out for 3 games

RYAN Kirby has set a target of seven points for Harlow Town's Christmas programme but will be without central defender Danny Chapman for all three matches.

Chapman, pictured right, who was laid low by the combination of a back injury, migraines and sickness for the Hawks clash at Margate 12 days ago, was also unavailable for Harlow's 1-0 loss at Heybridge Swifts last Saturday.

He underwent a back operation last week.

Player-boss Kirby said: "We do not know if it [the back] is related



[to the headaches and sickness] until he sees a specialist. He was in so much pain. He could not move or sit down.

"He is due to have an operation on a growth at the bottom of his spine in March and he will see if he can bring that forward."

The Hawks are in 13th place in the Ryman premier division but are only two points ahead of the side second from bottom.

Harlow begin their Christmas programme with a home game against bottom side Leyton this Saturday. The East Londoners lost 11-1 at home to leaders Hendon last Saturday.

The Hawks then face Billericay (away) on Boxing Day and Boreham Wood (home) in nine days' time.

Kirby said: "It does not matter how we get them but I want seven points. We have had a bad run recently and we have to keep going. I do not want to get close to the bottom."

"Leyton lost 12 players the week before last and a lot of the goals against Hendon came late. We have to concentrate on what we have to do."

He added: "Billericay [19th] will be tough and

I have no doubt Boreham Wood will perform. They beat Chelmsford [last Saturday]."

Midfielder Scott Curley, who made his Hawks debut as a late substitute against Heybridge after joining from East Thurrock United, could feature.

"He is a player who is comfortable on the ball and is a ball winner," said Kirby.

Striker Raphael Sylvester was recalled by Leyton Orient because of injuries and missed the Heybridge match, but should be back in the Harlow squad for the Leyton game.

THE Hawks will be operating its successful 'Kids for a Quid' scheme for the home games against Leyton and Boreham Wood.

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	P	W	D	L	Pt
Hendon	21	12	6	3	42
Chelmsford City	20	12	4	4	40
Staines Tn	15	9	4	2	31
Ramsgate	19	9	4	6	31
Margate	21	8	7	6	31
Boreham Wood	21	9	3	9	30
AFC Hornchurch	18	8	4	6	28
AFC Wimbledon	16	7	5	4	26
Heybridge Swifts	20	6	8	6	26
Harrow Boro	21	7	4	10	25
Horsham	14	8	0	6	24
Maidstone Utd	20	7	3	10	24
Harlow Tn	20	5	8	7	23
E Thurrock Utd	19	6	5	8	23
Hastings Utd	20	6	5	9	23
Wealdstone	17	6	4	7	22
Ashford Tn (Middx)	19	6	4	9	22
Folkestone Invicta	19	6	4	9	22
Billericay Tn	18	5	6	7	21
Tonbridge Angels	19	5	6	8	21
Carlisle Town	17	6	3	8	21
Leyton	20	4	3	13	15

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